



A Multi-Campus Ministry

# Our Savior's Lutheran Church

## Our Savior's Newsletter

November 2020

### EAST MESA CAMPUS

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### CHURCH COUNCIL

**President** - Janice Cunningham

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### COUNCIL MEMBERS

Susan Drane, Administration

Richard Falk, Missions

Leonard Schroeder, Evangelism

Suzy Cavoto

Ron Rock

Cindy Reichert

Robert Kolafa

### COORDINATING COMMITTEES

Cindy Reichert, East Mesa

Janice Cunningham, Gold Canyon

### EAST MESA PHONE HOURS

8 am to 4 pm Monday—Friday

### GOLD CANYON OFFICE HOURS

## Welcome to November!

What did you think it would be? There are a lot of “normals” that we have tried to maintain, but most of them have had to be modified, re-scheduled, or even canceled. What we *can* do is often not what we might *want* to do. Crisis tends to magnify stress points and bring out the worst in people. It is what happens in times of stress. In other words, it is normal.

We see this displayed prominently in the election process happening in our part of God's world. I would like to say that people will return to normal after November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, or whenever we finally know the end results of the various elections and issues before us. We will not. Our human nature will continue to tug at us and pull us in directions opposite the will of God. This, too, is normal.

Yet we worship a God who is not content with letting a so-loved world tear itself apart. God has called, gathered, empowered us as the Church. God now sends us back into the world in the name of the Father: “As the Father has sent me; even so I send you!” - Jesus

We are reminded that the world will seldom see things the way in which God sees them.

I do not know if life will ever return to “normal.” For that matter, I do not know if life has *ever* been “normal.” Life is always changing. This is how we know something is alive. If it is growing, it is changing, it is alive!

What if God is making all things new? What if God is making YOU new? What if God will never let us go *back* to whatever we thought was normal? What if God is inviting us to be a part of shaping the new creation? What if God is calling, pulling, wooing us into God's future?

I am excited and curious to see how God will complete the good work began in you!

May God bless you and keep you safe as together we move into God's promised future.

*Pastor Bill Rindy*

# OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

## COUNCIL MINUTES

October 20, 2020 7:00 pm Zoom Meeting

**PRESENT:** Barb Reurink, Janice Cunningham, Cindy Reichert, John Malmberg, Susan Drane, Suzy Cavoto, Ron Rock, Sharon Stinard, Karen Howard

**ABSENT:** Richard Falk, Leonard Schroeder

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

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

**DEVOTIONS:** Pastor Rindy gave the prayer.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Suzy Cavoto moved to approve the agenda and second by John Malmberg. MC

**NEW BUSINESS:** No new business

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Suzy Cavoto moved to September 22, 2020 minutes and was seconded by Sharon Stinard. MC

### **STAFF REPORTS:**

**Pastor Rindy:** 1. Things are continuing as "normal". 2. Sunday, October 25 is Affirmation of Baptism. 3. 30 new people are coming to live services. 4. Attended the Bishop's Convocation. 5. The study *Adventures in Missing the Point* is still being presented. 6. Attendance numbers are: EM: Saturday service: 29; 7:30 16; 9:00 27 and 10:30 11. GC about 35. 7. Four winter visitors have returned to in person worship.

**Pastor Mills:** 1. Numbers study is going well. 2. New Bible study for November will be 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel. Books for this study can be purchased from Augsburg Fortress, Books of Faith series. 3. Attended Bishop's Convocation.

**Kim McCracken:** 1. Attended Bishop's Convocation. 2. Sidewalk Sunday School had 7 children attending last Sunday. 3. Sunday, October 24 is Affirmation of Baptism. Two people will be affirming their faith. 4. Drive-in Movie this Saturday, October 23 at EM. 5. Asking for thoughts on resuming noisy offering, ordering of poinsettias and lilies.

**Dave Reurink:** 1. At EM today to reset alarm, restocked paper towels and toilet paper. 2. Working on a 5-year maintenance plan. 3. Working with vendors to get contracts for the next year. 4. Will get numbers into John Malmberg for next year's mission plan.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Cindy Reichert gave the Treasurer's report. Ron Rock moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Second by Sharon Stinard. MC

**COUNCIL ACTION:** Cindy moved that the additional \$40,000 from the sale of the Swanson House sale previously approved by the Council to be used in October as a payment directly to the principal of the mortgage be delayed for approval in November. Seconded by John Malmberg. MC

**Council Action:** Cindy Reichert moved that Nanci Klos be added as an authorized person to the Chase Account. Second by Susan Drane. MC

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## COUNCIL MINUTES

October 20, 2020      7:00 pm      Zoom Meeting

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**EAST MESA CAMPUS COORDINATING COMMITTEE:** See written report.

**COUNCIL ACTION:** Cindy Reichert motioned to have the Quilters who meet at the East Mesa Campus to be allowed to resume meeting in the Community Room beginning October 29, 2020. Masks must be worn, a minimum of 6' physical distance be maintained, no food or drink will be allowed (except for the personal water bottles of each member.) Participants will need to register with either Joyce Doescher or Linda Frey prior to attending in order to limit the number of people in the room. The bathrooms adjacent to the Community Room will be available. Participants must enter and leave by the East door. No other areas of the building will be accessible. The group will be responsible for clean-up. Cleaning supplies will be provided. Second by Susan Drane. MC

**COUNCIL ACTION:** Cindy Reichert motioned to allow the East Mesa Bell Choir to resume meeting in the Sanctuary under the direction of Dwight Walth, Wednesday evenings beginning in November. Masks and gloves must be worn, a minimum of 6' physical distance will be kept, no food or drink will be allowed (except for the personal water bottles of each member.) The main hallway bathrooms will be available. No other areas of the building will be accessible. The group will be responsible for clean-up. Second by John Malmberg. MC

**COUNCIL ACTION:** Cindy Reichert motioned to allow the Forge to resume meeting at East Mesa in November. The congregation will be limited to 25% of maximum capacity of the Chapel. The Chapel maximum capacity is 120 people; therefore, The Forge will be allowed to admit 30 people, including all staff. Pre-registration will be required through a member assigned by Rusty, the Forge coordinator. Masks must be worn, a minimum of 6' physical distance be maintained, no food or drink will be allowed (except for a personal water bottle for each member.) No fellowship will be allowed at this time. Access will be through the East Narthex door. Bathrooms in the main hallway will be accessible for emergency use only. The Chapel will be available to the Forge between 11am and 1:30pm each Sunday. This group will be responsible for clean-up. (See MOU). Second by John Malmberg. After discussion a roll call vote was called: Susan Drane-yes; Suzy Cavoto-yes; Cindy Reichert-yes; Sharon Stinard-yes; John Malmberg-yes; Ron Rock-no; Barb Reurink-no; Pastor Rindy abstained. MC

**COUNCIL ACTION:** Cindy Reichert motioned to allow East Mesa Lutheran Social Services to resume family appointments beginning October 25. Masks must be worn, a minimum of 6' physical distancing must be maintained, no food or drink will be allowed (except for the personal water bottles of each member.) Participants will need to register with LSS prior to attending in order to limit the number of people in the room. Access will be limited to the South doors. No other areas will be accessible. The group will be responsible for clean-up. Second by John Malmberg. MC

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## COUNCIL MINUTES

October 20, 2020 7:00 pm Zoom Meeting

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**COUNCIL ACTION:** Cindy Reichert motioned to allow East Mesa to resume I-Help services the first week of November. Women will be housed in the Community Room. Bathrooms adjacent to the Community Room will be available. I-Help will be responsible for limiting the number of people. Ten is the suggested number, however, if I-Help determines that a larger group (up to 15) I habituating together as a family unity, they will be allowed. The women will be fed before coming to OSLC. No other food or drink will be allowed (other than personal water bottles.) I-Help will use provided bed, be responsible for set-up and take down and will remove and launder the sheets. Masks will be required. The group will be responsible for clean-up. Second by Sharon Stinard. MC

**GOLD CANYON COORDINATING COMMITTEE:** Written report.

**COUNCIL ACTION:** Suzy Cavoto motioned to allow Prayer Shawl group to resume meeting as soon as October 26 with the following restrictions: Masks and physical distancing are required. No food or drinks are allowed other than personal water bottles. The group will meet in the Forum Room. Both sinks will be taped off. Reservations must be made through Janice Cunningham to verify a limit of 7-8 participants. The bathrooms by the front gate will be available. Access will be allowed by the front gate only. No other portion of the facility will be available. Surface area sanitization must be completed before leaving. Second by John Malmberg. MC

**COUNCIL ACTION:** Suzy Cavoto motioned to resume the Snack Pack program when the school system is ready to receive weekend snack packs for their selected students. The following restriction will apply: Masks, gloves and physical distancing are required. No food or drinks are allowed to be consumed other than from personal water bottles. Reservations must be made through Carol Hermann to verify the limit of participants that will permit the required physical distancing. The kitchen and bathrooms in the sanctuary will be accessible. Access will be allowed by the West Sanctuary door or kitchen door only. No other portion of the facility will be available. Surface area sanitation must be completed before leaving. Second by John Malmberg. MC

**EVANGELISM:** No report

**MISSIONS:** No report

**ADMINISTRATION:** No report

**WELCA:** Susan Drane reported that the WELCA groups are being canvassed to determine how they want to handle future meetings.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Review of Regathering. Next meeting for stage 3 of reopening will be Monday, October 26 at 2 PM.

**ADJOURNMENT at 8:50 pm**

**Pastor Mills led the closing prayer.**

**UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETING:** November 3, 2020 @ 7pm Zoom meeting

## **EM COORDINATING COMMITTEE MINUTES 10-12-2020**

The East Mesa Coordinating Committee met October 12, 2020, at 7:00 P.M.

Attending: Pastor Bill, Susan Drane , John Weber, Janice Cunningham,  
Pastor Tina, Kim McCracken, Dave Reurink, Richard Falk, Linda Gerke,  
Robin Tomlinson & Cindy Reichert

Absent: Phyllis Edmond

Pastor Bill opened with prayer.

Family Promise - Robin – St. Luke’s Lutheran Church will be opening a Day Center in the East Mesa area. The families that we host will be coming from that facility instead of from the facility located in Scottsdale. We are scheduled to host families the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in January; however, because of the pandemic , the scope of our services will be determined at a later date.

### I-Help – Linda

Discussion was held concerning the resumption of services for the I-Help program. Motion by Robin, second by Linda to recommend to Council to resume I-Help services the first week of November, following Covid protocols as set forth by the Re-gathering Task Force. Motion carried.

### Property Team- Dave

UVC light units have arrived and are ready to use. All air units are working, windows have been cleaned and plumbing situations have been addressed.

### Discipleship/Youth Activities-Kim

Sidewalk Sunday School began October 5<sup>th</sup>. Families not ready to gather can participate via Zoom. Youth will be meeting outside of the church building and will meet on Saturdays.

Two young people will be affirming their baptisms on Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at the 10:30 worship service. The service will be live streamed to allow family and friends to participate.

In lieu of Trunk or Treat this year, we will be providing a drive-in movie at 6:00 PM on Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> in the west parking lot. All children will receive a treat bag. A non- perishable food item is requested as a donation. All food donations will be given to a local food bank.

The Memorandum Of Understanding between OSLC and the Forge Fellowship was reviewed. Motion by Richard, second by Susan to recommend to Council for approval, with the effective date of November 1, 2020. Motion carried.

### Missions-Richard

Many thanks to the Music Team for sending notes to the shut-ins.

### Music & Worship– John

Since the Bell Choir is a non-singing choir, discussion was held regarding their re-gathering. Motion by Susan, second by Linda to recommend to Council to allow the Bell Choir to resume meeting, following Covid protocols as set forth by the Re-gathering Task Force, beginning in November. Motion carried.

Providing communion at all services was discussed. Motion by Linda, second by Susan to provide communion at all services beginning in November. Motion carried.

## EM COORDINATING COMMITTEE MINUTES

10-12-2020

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### Administration/WELCA – Susan

The Advent Breakfast will not be held this year because of the pandemic. The future of the annual Bazaar is yet to be determined.

### Recommendations To Council

The following items will also be presented to Council at their meeting on October 20:

Recommendation for quilters who meet at East Mesa to resume their activities on October 29, following Covid protocol.

Recommendation for Lutheran Social Services to resume family appointments on October 25, observing Covid protocol.

The meeting was adjourned and closed with prayer. Next meeting will be held on November 9, at 7:00 PM.

### **Our Saviors Lutheran Church Gold Canyon Coordinating Committee October 6, 2020**

**Attending:** Janice Cunningham, Robert Cunningham, Leonard Schroeder, Suzy Cavoto, Mike Johnson, Ruth Parker, John Malmberg, Richard Wall

**Staff:** Pr. Bill Rindy, Pr. Tina Mills, Kim McCracken, Dave Reurink

**Absent:** Richard Falk, Karen Howard, Kitty Daniels, Susan Drane

Pastor Bill 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 seventh monthly meeting done through Zoom.

●The September Meeting Notes were reviewed.

**PASTOR AND STAFF REPORTS:** Only those with activities are included here,

●Pr. Bill – Discussion was held about this past weekend's service. Communion went well. There will be sound board training following the recording at Gold Canyon this week. Linda in the office has resigned. Rissy picked up some of her responsibilities. So far, so good. Pr. Bill conducted his first COVID wedding. A few people were in attendance and there were two Zoom sites set up. One for the Bride and one for the Groom. The book study on "Missing the Point" has started.

●Pr. Tina - Worship is going well. Bible study on the Book of Numbers has begun. First and Second Samuels will be the next study. Facebook devotion and Zoom fellowship are both going well. Kim and Pr. Tina are discussing the role of Grief Support. Home visits are continuing.

●Kim – She is still busy with Worship recordings at both campuses. Sidewalk Sunday School started last week. Masking and distancing are required. There is some singing and playing of games. Two youth will be affirming their faith on Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>. We were reminded that all are invited to attend the Zoom Sarah Circle on the fourth Monday of each month.

●Dave reported that the UVC lights and new extension cords have been delivered to Gold Canyon. There is an instruction book with each light.

**Our Saviors Lutheran Church**  
**Gold Canyon Coordinating Committee**  
**October 6, 2020**  
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MINISTRY CHAIR REPORTS: Only those with activity are included here

- **Evangelism**- Leonard recommended that we cancel the annual Christmas Pot Luck. The committee agreed. The Gold Canyon campus will celebrate ten years within our building on December 19<sup>th</sup>. The celebration for this ten-year anniversary will be limited to information on the E-News, announcements and Worship service. Mike Johnson will see if we can get some advertisement in the local media. Richard will provide special music that weekend. Dave will see if he can locate a place where we can order a banner.
- **Finance** - John reported that the contributions in September were down significantly. Pr. Bill commented that have **been going through the COVID phases that effect contributions. We may be entering the “disillusionment” phase.** There is no way to know how long this will continue.
- **Good News, Mike Johnson has two new members that will be recognized on Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>.** Bea O'Dell and Todd Rockwell. He will also contact Bret Madteson, who previously join but had not yet been recognized.
- **Property** - Robert reported that Desert Landscaping has trimmed or removed 25 trees. Robert put Round-Up on the stumps to kill the roots. Leonard, Richard and Robert (or a combo of) have been meeting at 7am Monday mornings to do landscaping work. All are invited to join them.
- **Worship** – Robert said communion worked well. Several of our congregation have questioned if we are going to continue offering communion at every service. Orine Parks is concerned about having enough help from the Altar Guild to set up and clean up every week. Richard, Mike, Ruth, Suzy and Robert all volunteered to help. Janice will notify Orine. Mike Johnson made a motion to offer communion at every live service beginning Oct. 11th. Motion seconded by Ruth Parker. Motion passed. Communion during the online services will continue to be offered on the first Sunday of each month.
- **Old Business** – Regathering services have been attended by under 50 at each service at each campus. However, Pr. Bill assured us that we will add additional services as required during high season.
- **New Business** – A lengthy discussion was held concerning opening our facilities to our in-house ministries. At Gold Canyon that would include Prayer Shawl and the Snack Pack program for the schools.
  - **Motion: Pray Shawl will resume meeting as soon as October 12<sup>th</sup>** with the following restrictions: Masks and physical distancing are required. No food or drinks are allowed other than personal water bottles. The group will meet in the Forum Room. Both sinks will be taped off. Reservations must be made through Janice Cunningham to verify a limit of 7-8 participants. The bathrooms by the front gate will be available. Access will be allowed by the front gate only. No other portion of the facility will be available. Surface area sanitization must be completed before leaving. Ruth Parker moved that we recommend to Council to allow Prayer Shawl to begin meeting with the stated restrictions. Mike Johnson seconded. Motion approved.
  - **Motion: Snack Pack program will resume when the school system is ready to receive weekend** snack packs for their selected students. The following restrictions apply: Masks, gloves and physical distancing are required. No food or drinks are allowed to be consumed other than from personal water bottles. Reservations must be made through Carol Hermann to verify a limit of participants that will permit the required physical distancing. The kitchen and bathrooms in the sanctuary will be accessible. Access will be allowed by the West Sanctuary door or kitchen door only. No other portion of the facility will be available. Surface area sanitation must be completed before leaving. Mike Johnson moved that we recommend to Council to allow the Snack Pack program to begin meeting with the stated restrictions. Robert Cunningham seconded. Motion approved.
  - **Kim is going to follow up on the Angel Tree program.**

Pr. Tina closed us with a prayer.

Our next meeting is November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1pm by Zoom.

# FINANCIAL REPORT

Statement of Financial Position For All Funds as of 09/30/2020

## Assets

### Bank

Chase Business Checking	\$	290,881.18
Chase PPP Loan Checking	\$	2,275.71
ELCA Federal Credit Union	\$	25.00
MIF Investment Acct	\$	5,226.86

Vanguard - OSLC Endowment Education Portion	\$	657,552.22
Education Portion	\$	8,182.45
Other Portion	\$	8,112.18

**Total Vanguard - OSLC Endowment** \$ **673,846.85**

Vanguard Capital Projects - Columbarium Niches	\$	369.20
	\$	5,575.00

**Total Vanguard Capital Projects** \$ **5,944.20**

Vanguard Reserve Account	\$	64,208.47
Petty Cash	\$	172.94

**Total Bank** \$ **1,042,581.21**

**Total Accounts Receivable** \$ **2,100.00**

**Total Fixed Assets** \$ **5,226,455.05**

**Total Assets** \$ **6,271,136.26**

## Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$	12,838.52
Payroll Withholding & Taxes	\$	6,645.69
Chase PPP Loan Payable	\$	77,481.00
Mortgage Payable	\$	1,662,486.67

**Total Liabilities** \$ **1,759,451.88**

## Net Assets

### Restricted

Adult Education Materials Fund	\$	2,655.87
Angel Tree Fund	\$	998.54
Capital Projects - Vanguard	\$	5,844.20
Chase PPP Fund	\$	(92,097.11)
CYF General Fundraisers	\$	1,883.64
CYF Noisy Offerings	\$	2,975.15
CYF Trunk or Treat	\$	177.95
CYF VBS	\$	334.21
CYF Youth-Sunday School	\$	992.80
CYF Youth Gatherings	\$	470.67
CYF Youth Scholarships	\$	422.15
Designated Offerings	\$	50,199.31
EM Chapel Organ Fund	\$	4,169.00
Endowment Fund - Vanguard	\$	673,346.85
Family Promise Fund	\$	5,076.47
Food Shelf Fund	\$	2,190.00
GC Choir Fund	\$	574.00
Gods Work Our Hands Fund	\$	2,990.34
Holiday Flowers Fund	\$	70.84
I-Help Fund	\$	4,247.83
Legacy (debt reduction) Fund	\$	1,211.00
Local Emergency Aid Fund	\$	15,654.61
Mesa AV Project Fund	\$	542.27
Mesa Sign Project Fund	\$	56.59
MIF Investments	\$	5,226.86
Music Fund	\$	(52.50)
Parking Lot Fund	\$	880.00
Property and Equipment	\$	3,514,757.57
Reserve Fund - Vanguard	\$	64,208.47
Snack Pack Fund	\$	11,850.77
Thrivent Sponsored Events	\$	2,908.96
Undesignated Memorials	\$	1,832.17
WELCA Fund	\$	119.66

**Total Restricted** \$ **4,286,719.14**

**Unrestricted (General Fund)** \$ **224,965.24**

**Total Net Assets** \$ **4,511,684.38**

**Total Liabilities + Net Assets** \$ **6,271,136.26**



# Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Change in Net Assets for Period: 01/01/2020 to 09/30/2020

Fund	Starting Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Transfers	Ending Balance
Adult Education Materials Fund (R)	2,179.14	813.05	336.32	0.00	2,655.87
Angel Tree Fund (R)	998.54	0.00	0.00	0.00	998.54
Capital Projects - Vanguard (R)	4,823.67	1,020.53	0.00	0.00	5,844.20
Chase PPP Fund (R)	0.00	10.00	92,107.11	0.00	-92,097.11
CYF General Fundraisers (R)	1,253.65	1,339.39	709.40	0.00	1,883.64
CYF Noisy Offerings (R)	2,581.65	393.50	0.00	0.00	2,975.15
CYF Trunk or Treat (R)	-650.82	2,422.00	1,593.23	0.00	177.95
CYF VBS (R)	-975.79	1,310.00	0.00	0.00	334.21
CYF Youth Gatherings (R)	445.67	25.00	0.00	0.00	470.67
CYF Youth Scholarships (R)	422.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	422.15
CYF Youth-Sunday School (R)	832.80	160.00	0.00	0.00	992.80
Designated Offerings (R)	43,856.99	7,907.25	1,564.93	0.00	50,199.31
EM Chapel Organ Fund (R)	5,507.35	7,261.65	8,600.00	0.00	4,169.00
Endowment Fund - Vanguard (R)	658,638.76	146,404.43	131,696.34	0.00	673,346.85
Family Promise Fund (R)	3,306.47	1,770.00	0.00	0.00	5,076.47
Food Shelf Fund (R)	625.00	1,565.00	0.00	0.00	2,190.00
GC Choir Fund (R)	574.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	574.00
General Fund (U)	13,988.30	802,148.25	431,479.35	-159,691.96	224,965.24
Gods Work Our Hands Fund (R)	2,895.34	95.00	0.00	0.00	2,990.34
Holiday Flowers Fund (R)	70.84	0.00	0.00	0.00	70.84
I-Help Fund (R)	3,635.93	2,038.56	1,426.66	0.00	4,247.83
Legacy (debt reduction) Fund (R)	5,000.00	22,152.60	0.00	-25,941.60	1,211.00
Lent Soup Supper (R)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Local Emergency Aid Fund (R)	-500.08	16,655.38	500.69	0.00	15,654.61
Mesa AV Project Fund (R)	420.07	3,569.97	4,947.77	1,500.00	542.27
Mesa Sign Project Fund (R)	1,355.59	0.00	1,515.30	216.30	56.59
MIF Investments (R)	5,190.50	36.36	0.00	0.00	5,226.86
Music Fund (R)	-1,470.27	0.00	-1,417.77	0.00	-52.50
Parking Lot Fund (R)	-19,389.35	1,107.21	0.00	19,162.14	880.00
Property and Equipment (R)	3,389,527.18	28,981.40	35,333.13	131,582.12	3,514,757.57
Reserve Fund - Vanguard (R)	32,613.92	137.03	3,215.48	34,673.00	64,208.47
Snack Pack Fund (R)	6,422.28	8,163.50	2,735.01	0.00	11,850.77
Thrivent Sponsored Events (R)	2,908.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,908.96
Undesignated Memorials (R)	2,994.17	715.00	377.00	-1,500.00	1,832.17
WELCA Fund (R)	19.66	100.00	0.00	0.00	119.66
<b>Total</b>	<u>4,170,102.27</u>	<u>1,058,302.06</u>	<u>716,719.95</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>4,511,684.38</u>

Total Receipts	1,058,302.06
Total Disbursements	716,719.95
Net Increase(Decrease)	<u>341,582.11</u>

# Weekly Devotions & Fellowship

- **Devotions: Mondays at 1:30 pm on Facebook (AZ time)**
- **Fellowship: Thursdays at 10am via ZOOM (AZ time)**
- **Contact Pr. Tina: [tina@oslcaz.org](mailto:tina@oslcaz.org)**



## **The W-ELCA (Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America)**

meets 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).

## Bible Study on Book of Numbers Starting October 3rd/6th via Zoom

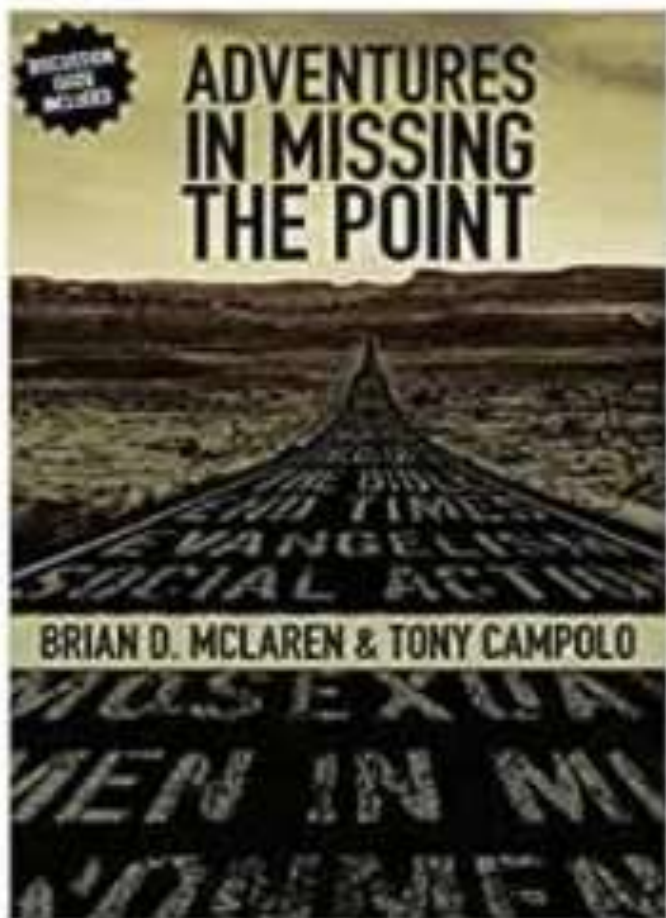
**Saturdays at 9:00 am**  
**Tuesdays at 10:30 am**

We will be studying the book of Numbers using a resource from Augsburg Fortress as a study guide.

The title of the guide is: "Numbers Learner Session Guide: Books of Faith."

You can purchase the Learner Session Guide for \$5.99 at their website, [augsburgfortress.org](http://augsburgfortress.org).

Please contact Pastor Tina for information and the Zoom meeting link:  
[tina@oslcaz.org](mailto:tina@oslcaz.org).



Having walked with the Rabbis in the back-and-forth nature of Talmud, are you ready to dialog around topics where it is easy to miss the point? Adventures in Missing the Point will cause you to think, ponder, and converse with your travel companions on this faith journey,

**Tuesdays 9 am**  
**Saturdays 10:30 am**

Tony Campolo and Brian McLaren will intentionally help us all to examine our understandings, NOT in an effort to undermine those understandings, but to help you be more solid in both your understanding of your fellow humans as well as yourself.

Contact Pastor Bill at [bill@oslcaz.org](mailto:bill@oslcaz.org) to receive the zoom credentials and syllabus. You may purchase the book on Amazon.

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## CoVid-19 Response Update: A Comprehensive Look at What Is Being Done by Those Whom You Have Chosen to Lead

This somewhat detailed summary reviews the processes and actions taken during each phase to faithfully respond to the challenges presented by these unprecedented times. For each phase of the process, the following steps were taken: 1. The <sup>1</sup>Re-Opening Task Force (RTF) gathered on a regular basis, evaluated the guidelines provided by the CDC, State/County, and denomination-ELCA. 2. The Task Force made recommendations to the affected Coordinating Committees; 3. The Coordinating Committees brought recommendations to the Congregational Council; 4. The Congregational Council discussed and acted on each of the recommendations; 5. Teams, Committees and Staff implemented the Council decisions. **It's important to understand that not all decisions were unanimous. However, through extended discussions, consensus was reached to allow us to move forward.** Our major objective is to be faithful in serving God while loving our neighbor as safely as possible.

### Immediate Actions: March 2020

All in-person meetings and public, in-person worship ceased. Online classes and Bible studies continued using the Zoom platform. Worship services were recorded weekly for posting online. Worship online expanded by adding the video recording of the GC worship service and enhanced camera capability (donated) at both campuses, and the amazing willingness of newly formed/expanded <sup>2</sup>technical production teams and musical volunteers. The office was virtualized. Office hours **continued "at home" for all staff, due to the congregation's ongoing generosity (thank you!) and the Payroll Protection Plan,** and technological upgrades over the years. Almost everything we had done in the past is being modified for the current reality.

### Phase I: The Re-Gathering – Resuming Public, In-Person Worship

The RTF, along with all congregational leadership, believed that the top priority was to resume worship as soon as safely possible. At the same time, we acknowledge that *all* gatherings during this time involve <sup>3</sup>risk. Our goal was to provide the safest possible space in which to gather. After several meetings, much research, discussion and prayer, the recommendation was brought forward through the above-mentioned process to **"Regather" for worship beginning September 12/13.** Precautions included: limiting worship to 50 people per service (county restriction); implementing online pre-registration for services (to make sure people had a spot when they came to worship and to assist with contact tracing in case of an event); standard precautions (wearing of masks, physical distancing, hand sanitizer for all upon entry, each pew/chair used only once per weekend, seating of worshippers, spacing, and dismissal by ushers, wiping down of touch surfaces between services, offering collection plate/box at exits, removed paper/hymnals, eliminated corporate singing and responses, etc.) We have implemented every best-practice and recommendation of our insurance company as well. All **online worship services continued what used to be normal: hymns, verbally participatory liturgy, etc. to provide as "normal" a home worship experience as possible.** For those who do not have internet access, a toll-free telephone version of the worship service is made available 24/7/365 at 888-700-9845. This service is updated each Saturday at 4 pm.

### Phase II: Resuming "Our" Ministries

The RTF worked hard at defining what are "our" ministries. Some are more obvious than others. **There is not total agreement on who is "us" and who is "them."** The recommendations from the RTF included resuming - Prayer Shawl Group-GC; Quilting Group, I-HELP (Sleeping Only), <sup>4</sup>The Forge (Worship Only, same restrictions/precautions as EM), and Lutheran Social Services of the SW (with restrictions). Having worked through the above process, these recommendations were adopted by the Congregational Council on October 20. A separate recommendation on the resumption of Family Promise will be considered in the near future, due to its additional complexities.

To assist in providing the safest possible environment in the community room, which will now be shared by more than one group, five Ultraviolet-C lights were donated (thank you!) for use between meetings. Three of them are at EM campus and two at GC. At the conclusion of a meeting, with the room empty, the UV-C lights will be activated to kill pathogens that **might be present. Once the room has been "zapped", it will be available for use by the next group. Each group is responsible for cleaning up after itself, as well as observing all the before-mentioned safety precautions.**

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Phase III: Outside Group Meetings

The RTF is reviewing and monitoring the best recommendations from the CDC and government bodies to see if/when expanding to Phase III can be done relatively <sup>4</sup>safely. These groups include the Boy Scouts, Explorer Scouts, AA, Al-Anon, Sons of Italy, Prayers Over Mesa, etc. In the past, each of the groups have had a Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) that includes the parameters for spaces used, responsibilities (including their own liability insurance), and obligations. **During the ensuing months of the CoVid shutdown, these MOU's, which are renewed annually, had expired. Once the RTF is able to make recommendations that enable these groups to resume meeting in a way that is responsible, these recommendations will go to the respective coordinating committees who will debate, evaluate, and forward their recommendations to the council, who will do the same. The people whom you have elected and trusted with making decisions on behalf of the congregation will make what they believe to be the most prudent and faithful decisions they can. The staff, teams, and volunteers will implement the council decisions. Newly revised MOU's, including all of the required precautions, would then be forwarded to the organization and must be signed before meetings can resume.**

Conclusion

In a nutshell, this is how the process has been working. It is not perfect. None of us has had to lead through a global pandemic before. We do believe it to be faithful. Any comments, concerns, suggestions for improvement can be shared with any member of the RTF, Coordinating Committee, or Council member.

On behalf of the RTF, Coordinating Committees, and Council,

Janice Cunningham

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Congregational Council President  
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Footnotes:

<sup>1</sup>The Re-Opening/Re-Gathering Task Force consists of: Worship Leaders: John Weber -EM; Richard Wall-GC, Pastors: Bill Rindy and Tina Mills, Coordinating Committee Chairs: Janice Cunningham and Cindy Reichert, Ministry Coordinator – Kim McCracken, and Facility Manager-Dave Reurink.

<sup>2</sup>Technical Production Teams- EM: Jane Weber, John Tuttle, Adrienne Bengtson, and Sara McCracken; GC: Robert Cunningham, Mike Johnson, Sarah McCracken.

<sup>3</sup>The only way to eliminate all risk is to stay home, isolated from all outside influences, relying solely on the ability of others to provide life-**sustaining food and services, while they, themselves risk exposure to the virus... in other words, there is no way to eliminate *all* risk.** We trust that everyone will evaluate the precautions and act within his/her tolerance for risk.

<sup>4</sup>The Forge is a ministry sponsored by the Grand Canyon Synod of the ELCA, attempting to reach young adults with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Several members of OSLC attend this service. The Forge is partially funded by us through our mission support to the Synod and the greater ELCA and by allowing usage of the chapel after OSLC worship services have concluded. They had been meeting in the chapel prior to the CoVid closures. They enter through the east doors, meet after OSLC services, in the chapel (which has its own air handling system, separate from the sanctuary), and are responsible for following all of the same safety precautions employed in Phase I.

# Happy Birthday

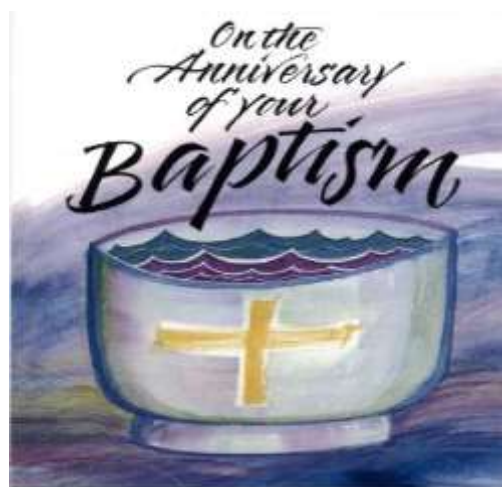
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11/01	Carolyn Gerkin	11/14	Dale Hardekopf
11/01	Katie Castle	11/16	Jim Lester
11/02	Jan Ballou	11/16	Melba Lundeen
11/02	Curt Ust	11/16	Bob Cochran
11/03	Layner Moen	11/16	Luke Nordquist
11/03	Pat Brend	11/17	Lois Schorn
11/03	Lyle Johnson	11/17	Cortez Hake
11/03	Trudy Heald	11/17	Jim Laniefsky
11/03	Renae Kirk	11/17	Darrel Randklev
11/03	Mark Lindeman	11/18	Bob Bartlemay
11/03	Sebastian Wasielewski	11/18	Will Younger Jr.
11/04	Darlene Higgins	11/19	Elaine Wenbourne
11/04	Alice Reuter	11/20	Jamie Mueller
11/05	Madelynn Vig	11/21	Carol Nystedt
11/06	Al Tabor	11/22	Bruce Larson
11/06	Karen Priola	11/23	Lew Johnson
11/07	Rich Hedstrom	11/23	Candis Struck
11/08	Marion Nichols	11/23	Noah Holmes
11/08	Leland Crook	11/23	Eliza Potekhen
11/08	Ron Kjeldahl	11/24	Elaine Jensen
11/08	Debby Baker	11/24	Cathy Tostenson
11/08	Cindy Queen	11/24	Ron Buckhouse
11/09	Nancy Walheim	11/24	Janice Cunningham
11/09	Dan Pankow	11/24	Barbara Daak
11/09	Robbin Coughlin	11/25	Faye Ulmer
11/10	Diane Saari	11/25	Max Daugherty
11/10	Edee Waters	11/25	Leonard Olofson
11/10	Louise Rindy	11/25	Jennifer Kieselhorst
11/11	Grace Taylor	11/25	Janelle Zimmerman
11/11	John Anderson	11/25	Cookie Cochran
11/11	Jacky Rothbard	11/27	Lou Burgesen
11/11	Jean Ihle	11/27	Jean Stensrud
11/11	Kathy McCabe	11/27	Jerry Meyer
11/12	Derek Munguia	11/28	Paul Nunes
11/13	Don Strang	11/28	Tony Coughlin
11/13	Greg Collier	11/29	Diane Hanson
11/13	Lynne Burden	11/30	Ken Shadle

# Wishing You a Happy Anniversary!



11/02 Loram, Diane & Craig  
 11/06 Duffing, Alida & Charles  
 11/07 Lechner, Curtis & Jean  
 11/08 Doescher, Bill & Joyce  
 11/08 Rivera, Carolyn & Jim  
 11/10 Nunes, Arlene & Paul  
 11/10 Jacobsen, Jerrine & Karl  
 11/11 Gerke, Linda & Albert  
 11/12 Renstrom, Shirley & Roger  
 11/14 Gilbertson, Darlene & Cliff  
 11/18 Stinard, Sharon & Roger  
 11/19 Auclair, Ella & Don  
 11/22 Johnson, Marjorie & Adrian  
 11/23 Berndt, Connie & Kurtis  
 11/25 Shadle, Marlene & Ken  
 11/25 Fieldhammer, Priscilla & Paul  
 11/25 Wilts, Dennis & Marcy  
 11/27 Nystedt, Carol & Del  
 11/28 Horn, Max & Maggie  
 11/29 Wheeler, Art & Florence  
 11/30 Dieleman, Sharyl & Duane  
 11/30 Moser, Pam & Dale

11/1/2002	Madison	Buckentin
11/18/2007	Arlene	Mende
11/23/2008	Zoe	Edwards
11/18/2012	Becket	Castle
11/23/2014	Briana	Patton
11/23/2014	Skylar	Patton
11/22/2015	Klover	Patton
11/24/2018	Nikolai	Potekhen
11/30/2019	Rafe	Wise



November 2020



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## Mission Items

**FOOD SHELF: Rice and/or Peanut Butter**  
(Donate to your local Food Bank)

**FINANCIAL PROJECT: I-HELP Gift Cards**  
Mail financial contributions to  
612 S. Ellsworth Rd. Mesa, AZ 85208



A Multi-Campus Ministry

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*East Mesa Campus*  
612 S. Ellsworth Road  
Mesa, AZ 85208

Saturday Service  
4:00pm

Sunday Services  
7:30am  
9:00am  
10:30am

*Gold Canyon Campus*  
5301 S. Kings Ranch Road  
Gold Canyon, AZ 85118

Sunday Services  
9:00am

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