



A Multi-Campus Ministry

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Our Savior's Newsletter

October 2020

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Cindy Reichert, East Mesa

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EAST MESA PHONE HOURS

8 am to 4 pm Monday—Friday

GOLD CANYON OFFICE HOURS

Limits

"I don't like limits!" loudly proclaimed a 2-year-old I once knew. In fact, I am not a big fan of being limited myself. There are times I want to operate without constraints. Thanks be to God that there are limits, both for me and for you. I have begun to learn that limits can be our friends. From very basic, easy to understand limits, like not speeding through a school zone when children are present, to realizing the same limits that keep you safe, keep me safe.

Why all this talk about limits, restrictions, "best practices"? Because we are living in a time of change, when there are new behavioral norms that have been put into place, both for your sake and for mine. For example, I have been the one from the C-19 hotspot of AZ, visiting the relatively "clean" ND. The way it looks today, I could be the one coming from the relatively safe AZ, going to a C-19 hotspot of ND.

Nothing is static these days. Am I the one potentially carrying C-19 or the one about to be exposed to C-19? Perhaps the answer is yes!?! The thought experiment regarding [*Schrödinger's cat](#) applies. (Unless tested for C-19, I must act as if I am both a potential carrier and potentially unexposed.)

Why would we pay so much attention to a virus we cannot even see? There was a time when I knew of no one who had contracted C-19, at least as far as I knew. I now know of at least four of our faith community who contracted C-19 and did not recover. It was at least a contributing factor to their deaths. They would probably still be alive if not for C-19.

Because I value your lives and your partnership in the Gospel, I want you to live out your God-given calling for as long as possible. If in any way, I can act in such ways that keep you safe from contracting C-19, I believe I should do it.

At the same time, I cannot wrap you all in bubble wrap and lock you in your homes. At **some point, it no longer seems like "life."** At the same time, we do not want to unnecessarily expose you to preventable risk. Each person needs to find their balance point.

Back to limits... the restrictions/limits we have put in place around worship are not ideal. Some think them too risky, others overkill. As approved by your elected leaders and considered prudent by our insurance company, these limits are designed to protect and empower.

Do I like wearing a mask, refraining from handshakes, worshipping differently? No. Will I do it in order to help prevent you from contracting C-19? Certainly!!! I love and respect you enough to do what is in your best interest, as well as mine. My selfish preference is to keep you happy, alive, and serving God with purpose as long as possible.

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I will always have a love/hate relationship with limits. If by living within those limits allows me to continue loving and serving you in Jesus' name, I will gladly do so.

May God's unlimited love, grace, and mercy sustain you today and always as you love and serve the neighbors you have been given!

Pastor Bill Rindy



HOLY COMMUNION

OCTOBER 3-4

EM - Saturday 4pm, Sunday 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am

GC - Sunday 9 am

All services.



Our Savior's Lutheran Church Re-Opening

When you arrive for worship, we ask that you come no sooner than 20 minutes before the service begins.

East Mesa: Please park on the west side of the church and use the main sanctuary entrance. The northern door will be the entrance; the southern door will be the exit.

Gold Canyon: Please park on the south side of the church and use the kitchen entrance to enter the sanctuary, the gate on the north side will be closed as well as the gate on the south west; the south eastern door **(by men's restroom) to exit.**

When you arrive, please wear your mask over your nose and mouth before entering. If you forgot or if you do not have a mask, volunteers have been making masks so that no one goes without.

Signs will direct you to the entrance door into which you will enter. You will notice a table at which you will check in for the service for which you reserved your spot. Hand sanitizer will be provided for your use before entering the sanctuary.

When you enter the worship space at East Mesa, one of every four pews will be accessible. These seats will change for each service over the weekend. At Gold Canyon, you will notice chairs physically distanced in clusters of either one or two chairs.

During the service you will notice that there is no group singing, as this is the most dangerous mode of virus transmission in enclosed spaces. The group, liturgical responses that are so familiar have this same threat, so they will be avoided as well.

At East Mesa, there will be offering boxes at each entrance/exit into which any offerings may be placed. At Gold Canyon, there will be offering plates at the exit for those choosing to make an offering in this way.

For the time being our meeting rooms will be closed. None of our Ministry partners will be meeting in the building. We hope to reopen these rooms and welcome our Ministry partners back as soon as we can do that in a healthy manner.

For those who are not yet comfortable coming to in-person worship, we will continue to offer recorded, weekly worship services from both campuses, complete with hymns and words provided on the screen so that you can continue to worship at home (and on the phone: 888-700-9845) until you feel safe enough to gather again.

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

COUNCIL MINUTES

September 22, 2020 7:00 pm Zoom Meeting

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

ABSENT:

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 Cindy Reichert. MC

NEW BUSINESS:

Council Action: John Malmberg nominated Sharon Stinard to fill the vacancy on the Council until election in February. Second by Susan Drane. MC

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Ron Rock moved to accept the August 18, 2020 minutes and was seconded by Cindy Reichert. MC

STAFF REPORTS:

Pastor Rindy: 1. Reported that Linda Mountz has left her position as secretary. 2. Tahlmud study is finished. 3. New study will start in October – “Adventures in Missing the Point”. 4. Performed an outdoor wedding. 5. Communion will be instituted on the first Sunday in October. Individual cups with wafer and wine/grape juice. Leonard Schroeder asked if the reservation list could be printed in a larger font and in alphabetical order. This will be done for the next Sunday. Pastors will use a face shield instead of mask during the sermon.

Pastor Mills: 1. Attended a Synod Council meeting last Saturday. Here are some of the talking points: Synod Assembly will be next June. Going over the Mission Plan for 2021. Will hold online discussions on Wednesday, Oct. 21 @5pm and Saturday, Oct. 24 @9am. Churchwide expression, restructuring of staff. Synod office is in continuing conversation on racism. Suggested all should watch “1966 – A Time for Burning”. 2. Bible Study on Numbers beginning in October. 3. Live Facebook Devotions on Mondays.

Kim McCracken: 1. Continuing to record worship with the Ministry/worship team at both campuses. 2. Continuing Zoom Sunday School @ 2pm for the month of September. In person Sunday School will be outside in the courtyard at EM following the 10:30 worship beginning in October with parental involvement. 3. Youth will meet on Saturday mornings or evenings off site for outdoor ministry activity. 4. Trunk or Treat will not be held this year – in its place will be hosting a drive-in movie with a G or PG13 movie, treat bags for families and will collect canned food as a mission. 5. Rewriting MOU's for all Partners in Ministries with Covid 19 guidelines and procedures. 6. Phase 2 Regathering task force. 7. Any thoughts on letting Ministry Partners use courtyard at EM and parking lot at GC to meet until the buildings are open as an alternate space.

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

COUNCIL MINUTES

September 22, 2020 7:00 pm Zoom Meeting

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Dave Reurink: 1. Plumber has been called to come in to fix a urinal at East Mesa. 2. Received bid on landscaping at both campuses, \$1500/campus. 3. Arizona Best will be in on Friday to take care of termite problem. 4. Mason Mechanical will be onsite on Wednesday to check and repair AC units. 5. All of the windows at EM have been washed inside and outside. 6. UVC lights have been delivered. Dave will assemble and put them in the appropriate places. 7. Covid-19 supplies are in the usher's closet at East Mesa. 8. Working on sprinklers at EM. 9. EM Kitchen floors have been cleaned and disinfected. 9. Someone reported that the fire sprinkler system at Gold Canyon has been disabled. He will have this verified.

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

Council Action: Cindy Reichert moved that the Finance Committee is recommending an internal audit this year. Second by Richard Falk. MC

Council Action: Cindy Reichert moved that the Finance Committee recommends moving the August deferred payment from the Swanson house proceeds to the Legacy Fund. Second by John Malmberg. MC

EAST MESA CAMPUS COORDINATING COMMITTEE: Written Report. No Council Actions

GOLD CANYON COORDINATING COMMITTEE: Written report. No Council Actions

EVANGELISM: No report

MISSIONS: The July Mission amounts have been tabulated. Money was collected for shoes and socks at Desert Vista Elementary, Peralta Trail Elementary and Concordia School. Each school will receive \$702.17

ADMINISTRATION: No report

OLD BUSINESS: 1. Review of Regathering. 2. Bids have been received for trimming trees at Gold Canyon.

Council Action: Leonard Schroeder moved to approve Raoul Castillo with Desert Garden Landscaping to trim trees at Gold Canyon at a cost of \$100.00 per tree totaling \$3400. Second by Suzy Cavoto. MC

ADJOURNMENT at 9:00 pm

Pastor Mills led the closing prayer.

UPCOMING MEETING: October 20, 2020 @ 7pm Zoom meeting

EM COORDINATING COMMITTEE MINUTES 9-14-2020

The East Mesa Coordinating Committee met September 14, 2020, at 7:00 P.M.

Attending: Pastor Bill, Susan Drane , John Weber, Janice Cunningham,
Pastor Tina, Kim McCracken, Dave Reurink & Cindy Reichert.

Absent: Richard Falk, Phyllis Edmond, Linda Gerke, Robin Tomlinson

Pastor Bill opened with prayer.

Family Promise - Robin – Written Report

In “normal” times, OSLC would be hosting 4 families during the week of September 20th. However, even though we are unable to host the families in site because of the pandemic, we will still supply food for this September session. Carol Prellberg and Diane Ham have volunteered to coordinate this task. Food will be delivered to the Day Center in Scottsdale. Tentatively we have been scheduled to host families the third week in January 2021 and September 2021.

I-Help – Robin - Written Report

Various suggestions and possibilities for guidelines pertaining to the I-Help mission were listed. Any additional suggestions/ opinions/guidance are welcomed for discussion.

Property Team- Dave

UVC light units have been ordered and should arrive within the next 2 weeks. Several air units are not working properly and are being evaluated. Windows have been cleaned.

Discipleship/Youth Activities-Kim

Sunday School continues to be held via Zoom. Time changed from 10:30 AM to 2:00 PM for the month of September. Discussion was held concerning implementing “Sidewalk Sunday School” following the 10:30 Service beginning the first Sunday in October. Sunday School would be held outside in the courtyard/patio area, following Covid best practices, and would require parent/ grandparent/guardian participation.

Trunk or Treat was very successful last year; however, due to Covid, we will not be hosting the event as in years past. Discussion was held regarding the possibility of hosting a drive-in movie, providing treat bags for families and collecting canned food as a mission. More information will be forthcoming.

Memorandums Of Understanding for all partners in ministries have expired. New MOUs are being rewritten to include Covid 19 guidelines and procedures. Partner in ministry meetings will not reconvene on site until further notice.

Music & Worship– John

In-person worship began September 12/13 following the low season schedule and the in-person plan as developed by the worship/reopening task force committees and approved by council. Recording of services and the phone service will continue. Holy Communion will resume the first weekend of the month based upon the procurement of prepackaged elements.

EM COORDINATING COMMITTEE MINUTES

9-14-2020

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Administration/WELCA – Susan

The WELCA Executive Board will meet via Zoom the 1st week of October. The Sarah Circle Bible Study continues to meet the 4th Monday of the month at 6:30 PM. Holding these studies via Zoom has proven to be beneficial for attendees and has increased participation.

Pastor Bill

The recording team has done an outstanding job and we are very thankful for their service in providing an avenue for worshiping online. This continues to be a popular option for worshippers.

In-person worship began the weekend of September 12/13. Although scaled down to adhere to the dictates of Covid best practices, those who have chosen to attend have appreciated the opportunity to meet on-site.

Individual wine and bread communion chalices have been ordered and should arrive in time to be available for in-person services the 1st weekend in October.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM and closed with prayer.

Our Saviors Lutheran Church Gold Canyon Coordinating Committee September 1, 2020

Attending: Janice Cunningham, Robert Cunningham, Leonard Schroeder, Suzy Cavoto, Karen Howard, Kitty Daniels, Mike Johnson, Susan Drane

Staff: Pr. Bill Rindy, Pr. Tina Mills, Kim McCracken

Absent: Richard Falk, Ruth Parker, John Malmberg, Dave Reurink

Pastor Bill opened the meeting with prayer.

Our facilities have been closed since March 17th. We have not been holding face to face meetings. This was our sixth monthly meeting done through Zoom.

The August Meeting Notes were reviewed.

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

Pr. Bill – The Pastors and Staff are still learning and growing during this time of Covid-19. Both video teams are doing a great job. He reminded us all to sign up if we are attending services upon reopening. He is investigating new easy opening communion cups. The Preaching and Taping schedule has been outlined through Christmas. Additional services can be added if needed.

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**Our Saviors Lutheran Church
Gold Canyon Coordinating Committee
September 1, 2020
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Pr. Tina – Facebook Live is going well. Fellowship Live was very small on Thursday. Richard Falk has asked that the Choir at East Mesa send handwritten notes to people for “God’s Work, Our Hands”. Gold Canyon asked to be included.

Kim – Studies are continuing. She is still visiting families for Game Night on Friday’s or Saturdays. There will be no Trunk or Treat this year. The Christmas Pageant will not be done in person. Families will make videos instead. The Sarah Circle is meeting by Zoom the 4th Monday of each month at 630 pm.

MINISTRY CHAIR REPORTS:

Discipleship - Kitty attended a Zoom meeting for Discipleship. Oberammergau is still on. People can change to 2021 for no extra charge. A new book study will begin Oct 3rd. There will be a Zoom Bible Study held by Pr. Tina. Dinner and a Movie is on hold. There will be another Discipleship meeting around Thanksgiving.

Finance - Karen Howard didn’t have a Finance Report but did inform us that the Net Income was around \$40,000. Our financial position has held up well this summer.

Good News, Mike Johnson has been informed by Todd Rockwell that he and his mother Barbara are interested in becoming new members. He will follow up on this.

Property - Leonard and Robert have been working on trimming trees. Leonard referenced Dave’s comment last month on adding new rock. Gold Canyon needs landscaping help before we need rock.

Worship – Robert attended a Zoom Worship Committee meeting. Communion is still under consideration.

Old Business – Regathering will happen Sept 12/13. Specifics were discussed.

New Business – There will be 2 Council openings this coming year. Be thinking, and praying for someone who might be a good fit for our Council.

Pr. Tina closed us with a prayer.

Our next meeting is October 6th at 1pm by Zoom.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Statement of Financial Position For All Funds as of 08/31/2020

Assets

Bank

Chase Business Checking	\$	374,945.32
Chase PPP Loan Checking	\$	2,275.71
ELCA Federal Credit Union	\$	25.00
MIF Investment Acct	\$	5,190.50
Vanguard - OSLC Endowment	\$	675,745.87
Education Portion	\$	8,182.45
Other Portion	\$	5,582.94
Total Vanguard - OSLC Endowment	\$	689,511.26

Vanguard Capital Projects	\$	368.93
- Columbarium Niches	\$	5,475.00
Total Vanguard Capital Projects	\$	5,843.93

Vanguard Reserve Account	\$	64,205.18
Petty Cash	\$	172.94
Total Bank	\$	1,142,169.84

Total Accounts Receivable	\$	1,600.00
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Total Fixed Assets	\$	5,226,455.05
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Total Assets	\$	6,370,224.89
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Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$	28,258.92
Payroll Withholding & Taxes	\$	6,401.49
Chase PPP Loan Payable	\$	77,481.00
Property Taxes Payable	\$	(140.00)
Swanson House	\$	(200.44)
Mortgage Payable	\$	1,712,260.90

Total Liabilities	\$	1,824,061.87
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Net Assets

Restricted

Adult Education Materials Fund	\$	2,832.86
Angel Tree Fund	\$	998.54
Capital Projects - Vanguard	\$	5,843.93
Chase PPP Fund	\$	(92,097.11)
CYF General Fundraisers	\$	1,883.64
CYF Noisy Offerings	\$	2,975.15
CYF Trunk or Treat	\$	(1,022.05)
CYF VBS	\$	334.21
CYF Youth-Sunday School	\$	992.80
CYF Youth Gatherings	\$	470.67
CYF Youth Scholarships	\$	422.15
Designated Offerings	\$	52,029.90
EM Chapel Organ Fund	\$	4,169.00
Endowment Fund - Vanguard	\$	689,511.26
Family Promise Fund	\$	4,026.47
Food Shelf Fund	\$	2,125.00
GC Choir Fund	\$	574.00
Gods Work Our Hands Fund	\$	2,970.34
Holiday Flowers Fund	\$	70.84
I-Help Fund	\$	4,047.83
Local Emergency Aid Fund	\$	15,054.44
Mesa AV Project Fund	\$	542.27
Mesa Sign Project Fund	\$	56.59
MIF Investments	\$	5,190.50
Music Fund	\$	(52.50)
Parking Lot Fund	\$	380.00
Property and Equipment	\$	3,477,753.38
Reserve Fund - Vanguard	\$	64,205.18
Snack Pack Fund	\$	11,725.77
Thrivent Sponsored Events	\$	2,908.96
Undesignated Memorials	\$	1,692.17
WELCA Fund	\$	119.66

Total Restricted	\$	4,262,735.85
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Unrestricted (General Fund)	\$	283,427.17
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Total Net Assets	\$	4,546,163.02
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Total Liabilities + Net Assets	\$	6,370,224.89
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Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Change in Net Assets for Period: 01/01/2020 to 08/31/2020

Fund	Starting Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Transfers	Ending Balance
Adult Education Materials Fund (R)	2,179.14	813.05	159.33	0.00	2,832.86
Angel Tree Fund (R)	998.54	0.00	0.00	0.00	998.54
Capital Projects - Vanguard (R)	4,823.67	1,020.26	0.00	0.00	5,843.93
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	1,222.00	1,593.23	0.00	-1,022.05
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	9,737.84	1,564.93	0.00	52,029.90
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	143,875.19	113,002.69	0.00	689,511.26
Family Promise Fund (R)	3,306.47	720.00	0.00	0.00	4,026.47
Food Shelf Fund (R)	625.00	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	2,125.00
GC Choir Fund (R)	574.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	574.00
General Fund (U)	13,988.30	760,560.82	371,429.99	-119,691.96	283,427.17
Gods Work Our Hands Fund (R)	2,895.34	75.00	0.00	0.00	2,970.34
Holiday Flowers Fund (R)	70.84	0.00	0.00	0.00	70.84
I-Help Fund (R)	3,635.93	1,838.56	1,426.66	0.00	4,047.83
Legacy (debt reduction) Fund (R)	5,000.00	20,941.60	0.00	-25,941.60	0.00
Lent Soup Supper (R)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Local Emergency Aid Fund (R)	-500.08	15,690.38	135.86	0.00	15,054.44
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	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,190.50
Music Fund (R)	-1,470.27	0.00	-1,417.77	0.00	-52.50
Parking Lot Fund (R)	-19,389.35	607.21	0.00	19,162.14	380.00
Property and Equipment (R)	3,389,527.18	27,233.44	30,589.36	91,582.12	3,477,753.38
Reserve Fund - Vanguard (R)	32,613.92	133.74	3,215.48	34,673.00	64,205.18
Snack Pack Fund (R)	6,422.28	8,038.50	2,735.01	0.00	11,725.77
Thrivent Sponsored Events (R)	2,908.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,908.96
Undesignated Memorials (R)	2,994.17	575.00	377.00	-1,500.00	1,692.17
WELCA Fund (R)	19.66	100.00	0.00	0.00	119.66
Total	<u>4,170.10</u> 2.27 =====	<u>1,008,752.10</u> =====	<u>632,691.35</u> =====	<u>0.00</u> =====	<u>4,546,163.02</u> =====
Total Receipts	1,008,752.10				
Total Disbursements	632,691.35				
Net Increase (Decrease)	<u>376,060.75</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**



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

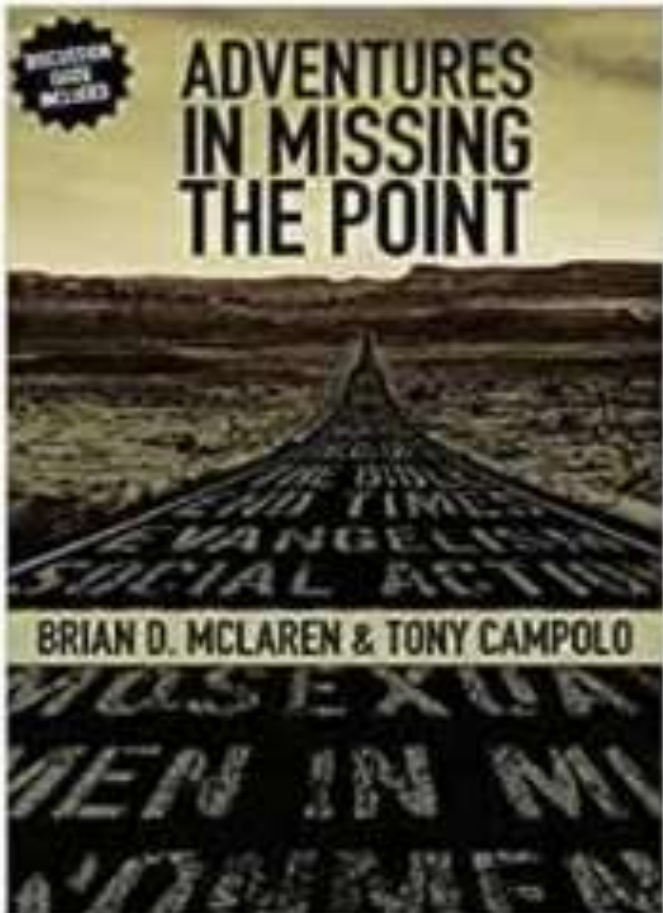
meets on the 4th Monday of the month.

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.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE! Ushers (East Mesa Campus)

Volunteer ushers are needed to greet members and visitors at East Mesa services.

Please contact Lee Nathan at the church office at 480-984-5555, extension 315 for more information on volunteering.



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, beginning **October 3rd**.

Tuesdays 10:30 am
Saturdays 9am

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 to receive the zoom credentials and syllabus. You may purchase the book on Amazon.

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.

Please contact Pastor Tina for information and the Zoom meeting link:
tina@oslcaz.org.



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

ELCA History

A merger of three Lutheran churches formed the ELCA in 1988. They were The American Lutheran Church, the Association of Evangelical Lutheran Churches and the Lutheran Church in America.

Now 30 years later, the ELCA is a church that shares a living, daring confidence in God's grace. As members of the ELCA, we believe that we are freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. With our hands, we do God's work of restoring and reconciling communities in Jesus Christ's name throughout the world.

We trace our roots back through the mid-17th century, when early Lutherans came to America from Europe, settling in the Virgin Islands and the area that is now known as New York. Even before that, Martin Luther sought reform for the church in the 16th century, laying the framework for our beliefs.



Luther and Lutheranism

Martin Luther (1483-1546)

Martin Luther was eight years old when Christopher Columbus set sail from Europe and landed in the Western Hemisphere. Luther was a young monk and priest when Michaelangelo was painting the Sistine Chapel in Rome. A few years later, he was a junior faculty member at a new university in small-town Germany, intently studying the Scriptures, “captivated with an extraordinary ardor for understanding Paul in the Epistle to the Romans.”

In these days Luther was tormented by the demand for righteousness before God. “I did not love, yes, I hated the righteous God who punishes sinners, and secretly, if not blasphemously, certainly murmuring greatly, I was angry with God.” Then, in the midst of that struggle with God, the message of the Scriptures became clear, like a long-shut door opening wide. When he realized that a “merciful God justifies us by faith ... I felt that I was altogether born again and had entered paradise itself through open gates.”

What Luther discovered is the freedom of Christians trusting God’s mercy in Christ. As he later wrote, “Faith is God’s work in us. It changes us and makes us to be born anew of God. This faith is a living, busy, active, mighty thing. It is impossible for it not to be doing good works incessantly. Faith is a living, daring confidence in God’s grace, so sure and certain that believers would stake their lives on it a thousand times.”

This discovery set Luther’s life on a new course —both his own life and his public service as a preacher and teacher. When a church-endorsed sales team came to the Wittenberg area in October, 1517, Luther was concerned that the promotion and sale of indulgences undermined the promise of God’s unreserved mercy in Jesus and the faith that trusts that promise. His *95 Theses* or *Disputation on the Power and Efficacy of Indulgences* became the first of a life-long stream of books, sermons, letters, essays, even hymns in which he expressed his confidence in this life-giving promise from God, the Gospel, and its liberating implications for all of life in church and society.

Happy Birthday

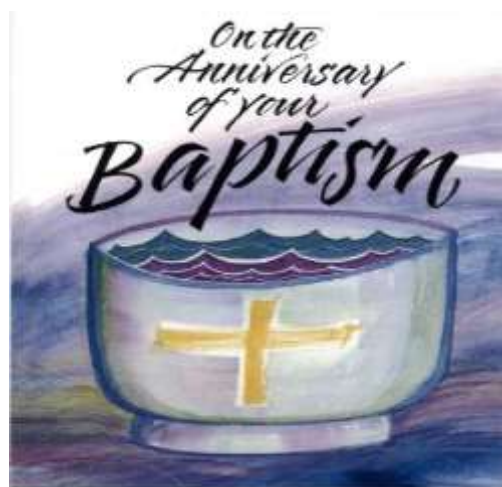
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10/01	Viola Geving	10/10	David Heald	10/23	Patricia Flom
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10/01	Norma Perala	10/11	Al Baker	10/24	Leona Janz
10/01	Gloria Finnegan	10/12	Gene Fedorenko	10/24	Melanie King
10/01	Neal Harding	10/12	Marlys Wright	10/24	Shawn Sapp
10/02	Carolyn Skaalerud	10/12	Beth Randklev	10/24	Zander Holmes
10/02	Wendy Rybczyk	10/13	Donald Haugen	10/24	Christopher Mault
10/03	Marilyn Baumann	10/13	Gene Vogl	10/25	Nita Miller
10/03	Kathy Sander	10/14	Susan Olsen	10/25	Jim Hager
10/04	Marilyn Mattson	10/15	Kitty Daniels	10/25	Marcy Wilts
10/04	Chuck Tebelius	10/16	Joel Buckentin	10/25	Brandon McCracken
10/05	Bill Peterson	10/16	Madison Buckentin	10/26	Georgia Smith
10/05	Dick Bachman	10/17	Jody Vander Ploeg	10/26	Gloria Holberton
10/05	Jerry Fricke	10/17	Lorie Grosklags	10/27	Ray Baldner
10/05	Bea Blomquist-Erickson	10/17	Barb Arendas	10/27	Grace Lunt
10/05	Adelynn Stanick	10/18	Earl Hauge	10/27	Jim Kangas
10/05	Alexander Wilson	10/18	Penny Kylo	10/27	Barb Keller
10/06	Marjorie Nordstrom	10/18	Jerry Levenske	10/27	Diane Loram
10/06	Larry Tessmer	10/18	Jean Druckrey	10/27	Robb Hinrichs
10/06	Bonnie Werpy-Rye	10/19	Joy Temple	10/27	Paige Abraham
10/07	Wyman Peterson	10/19	Carol Galstad	10/28	Helen Simpsen
10/07	Dan Mihalovic	10/20	Bob Mercier	10/28	Jean Lechner
10/07	Connie Solberg	10/20	Anne Hontz	10/29	Leo Avendt
10/07	Gerry Solberg	10/20	Cami Coughlin	10/29	Barb Brandsoy
10/08	Todd Rockwell	10/21	Frank Keck	10/29	Jerry Michealson
10/08	Harlynn Bradford	10/21	Rhonda Mattson	10/29	Marin Heistan
10/09	Ed Ahrendt	10/21	Brendan Campbell (Reichert)	10/30	Karl Galstad
10/09	Tony Smith	10/22	Phyllis Fitzgarrald	10/30	Heather Patel
10/09	Jessie Degen	10/22	Ozzie Lachelt	10/31	Dean Lange
				10/31	David Flom
				10/31	Ted Hanson
				10/31	Cheryl Spear
				10/31	Karen Howard

Wishing You a Happy Anniversary!



- 10/03 Stensrud, Shirley & Alan
- 10/03 Ballou, Jan & Earl
- 10/04 Fuller, Patricia & Larry
- 10/04 Harding, Karen & Neal
- 10/05 Darnell, Gene & Jan
- 10/06 Falk, Richard & Maxine Zempel
- 10/06 Walker, Mary & Ralph
- 10/09 Danzeisen, Keith & Connie
- 10/10 Lofthus, Jan & Bill
- 10/10 Moravick, Doris & Ron
- 10/14 Hylander, Ferol & Don
- 10/18 Eggers, Jan & Norm
- 10/20 Langton, Claude & Evonne
- 10/21 Anforth, Danielle & Aaron
- 10/22 Avendt, Leona & Leo
- 10/23 Johnson, Marcia & Mike
- 10/23 Schroeder, Marian & Leonard
- 10/24 Lindsay, Russ & Skip
- 10/25 Kemper, Cathy & Jeff
- 10/27 Koch, Charlie & Kathie
- 10/28 Buda, Vicki & Jerry Rigg
- 10/29 Rothbard, Jacky & Gary

10/1/2006	Lilyauna	West
10/15/2006	Ashley	Abraham
10/4/2009	Clayton	Bonini
10/19/2013	Aviana	Munguia
10/19/2013	Derek	Munguia
10/5/2014	Declan	Whalen
10/15/2014	Yolanda	Wilson
10/3/2015	Vyolet	Wise
10/11/2015	Aurora	Arnett
10/11/2015	Ryne	Arnett
10/2/2016	Kyah	Kise
10/18/2019	Ian	Loram



October 2020



Mission Items

FOOD SHELF: Powdered Milk
(Donate to your local Food Bank)

FINANCIAL PROJECT: Quilting Supplies
Mail financial contributions to
612 S. Ellsworth Rd. Mesa, AZ 85208



Our Savior's Lutheran Church

A Multi-Campus Ministry

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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