



A Multi-Campus Ministry

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Our Savior's Newsletter

January 2021

EAST MESA CAMPUS

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CHURCH COUNCIL

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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

January: Congratulations!

You made it! 2020 is over! Have you ever been so glad to see a new year?

For most, 2020 was a difficult, unusual year. I seldom (if ever) get excited about a new year. Most of the time, it seems like the continuation of the "old" year. But with vaccines rolling out, the hope of one day meeting with people outside of your home without having to wear a mask, one has to be at least a bit excited for the new year.

Also, wasn't there something else we just celebrated? Hmm... oh yeah, **Christmas!** While the radio stations drop the Christmas-like songs on the second day of Christmas and people purge their trees to get them in the trash in time, I am not yet ready to let the season go. No matter how promising this year tries to be, if we lose the hope, peace, joy, and love of Advent/Christmas in January, it will be another, very long year.

We lack the ability to know what this new year will be like. It drives those charged with planning to their knees in prayer, wondering what we will and will not do this year in Jesus' name. Your support, prayers, and generosity heavily shape what God can do through Our Savior's Lutheran Church, because you are Our Savior's Lutheran Church!

Households, businesses, governments, and individuals are figuring out who they can and will be in the year to come. The Christmas classic movie, "It's a Wonderful Life", reminds us that we all make differences beyond ourselves, some known and many unknown. The smallest act of kindness can tip the balance in the life of someone struggling. An act of generosity can change one's outlook. One never fully knows what difference one's faithfully following Christ will mean to another. We keep loving, serving, and following anyway. The end result is that God is glorified, and we are blessed.

I do not know what you will do or how you will do it, yet I will thank God in advance for the ways in which your faithfulness will shape this coming year. As long as we walk into a future where God is, it will be a blessed New Year indeed!

"See, I am making all things new." Revelation 21:5(b) NRSV

Pastor Bill Rindy

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

COUNCIL MINUTES

December 15, 2020 7:00 pm Zoom Meeting

PRESENT: Barb Reurink, Janice Cunningham, Cindy Reichert, John Malmberg, Susan Drane, Suzy Cavoto, Sharon Stinard, Leonard Schroeder, Richard Falk, 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 Rindy gave the prayer.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Cindy Reichert moved to accept November 17, 2020 minutes as written and was seconded by Leonard Schroeder. MC

John Malmberg moved to accept the November 27 Special Council Meeting minutes as written. Second by Leonard Schroeder. MC

STAFF REPORTS:

Pastor Rindy: 1. Online reservations are being taken for the Christmas services. 2. Christmas Eve services in person services at East Mesa will be at 2:00, 4:00 and 11:00pm and a 6:00pm service in the parking lot. Services at Gold Canyon will be held at 4:00 and 9:00pm. Christmas services will be recorded Wednesday, Dec. 23rd. Worship services will be live streamed Dec. 26/27.

Council Action: Richard Falk moved to approve Pastor Bill Rindy generating a letter to be sent to Associate and Full members thanking them for their generosity and also alerting them to the challenge that the Council is facing in the Mission Plan for 2021 to be signed by the Pastoral Staff and Council. Second by Sharon Stinard. MC

Pastor Mills: 1. Working on Christmas Eve services. 2. Pastor Nancy will lead the Christmas Day service at East Mesa. 3. The Grand Canyon Synod Council has launched a new program "Lutheran Advocacy of Ministry of Arizona" or LAMA. Advocating for people with different needs. 4. Since Covid caused closure last Spring Jane Weber has stepped up to do all of the editing of the on-line worship services.

Council Action: John Malmberg moved to recognize Jane Weber for her dedication and willingness to take on the added responsibilities of editing the on-line worship services. A gift card will be purchased to show our appreciation. Second by Cindy Reichert. MC

Kim McCracken:

Sidewalk Sunday School continues. 2. Youth and Family will hike again in January. 3. A total of \$4,900 was collected for the Angel Tree. Leann Nordberg and Ruth Parker from Gold Canyon distributed \$900 to both Peralta Trail Elementary and Desert Vista Elementary. Kim McCracken delivered gift cards to LSS and to Stevenson and Skyline Elementary Schools. 4. Working on a digital Christmas Program.

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Dave Reurink: 1. Addressing some security and door issues with Titan. 2. Looking at other companies that deal with security. 3. A thermostat at Gold Canyon needs to be replaced.

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

EAST MESA CAMPUS COORDINATING COMMITTEE: 1. John Weber is working on soloists for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. 2. The Bell Choir will be playing at two Christmas Eve services.

Council Action: Cindy Reichert moved to recommend Susan Drane to serve as the East Mesa Coordinating Committee representative effective at the first Council meeting after the Annual Meeting in February 2021. Second by Suzy Cavoto. MC

GOLD CANYON COORDINATING COMMITTEE: Written report.

ADMINISTRATION: No report

EVANGELISM: No report

MISSIONS: The quilters sent 75 blankets to the Concordia Charter School. Gift cards purchased for I-Help. Hats, scarves and sweaters were sent to the Navajo Lutheran School.

WELCA: Roaster pans will be out one more week to collect money for Christmas. Gift cards were sent to Skyline Elementary, Stevenson Elementary, Peralta and Desert Vista schools. Thank you to Kim McCracken for taking the gift cards to the schools.

ADMINISTRATION: No report

NEW BUSINESS:

The Nominating Committee (Dave Reurink, Robert Cunningham, Sharon Stinard, Pete Cavoto and Paul Nasset) met two times. The following names will be placed on the ballot: Ruth Parker, 3 year term (Missions)-Neil Mattson, 3 year term (Administration) Sharon Stinard and John Malmberg for a one year term. Still working on the slate for next year's Nominating Committee.

An Annual Meeting Task Force was originated. The task force will consist of Barb Reurink, John Malmberg, Janice Cunningham, Pastor Rindy, Cindy Reichert and Angela Springfield. The first meeting of the task force will be January 4, 2021.

There will be an Executive Council meeting at Gold Canyon on Friday, December 18, 2020 at 1:00pm.

Council Action: John Malmberg moved to accept Ray Rosenbach, Leann Nordberg and Edie Burns for the Audit Team. Second by Karen Howard. MC

ADJOURNMENT at 8:40 pm

Pastor Mills led the closing prayer.

Upcoming Meeting on January 19, 2021 @ 7pm Zoom meeting

EM COORDINATING COMMITTEE MINUTES
12-14-2020

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

Attending: Susan Drane , John Weber, Pastor Tina, Kim McCracken, Dave Reurink, Richard Falk & Cindy Reichert

Absent: Phyllis Edmond, Robin Tomlinson, Linda Gerke, Janice Cunningham & Pastor Bill

Pastor Tina opened with prayer.

Property Team- Dave

Titan, the company currently providing fire and security services, is not performing adequately. Looking at other companies to provide these services. Non- working lights in the sanctuary will be addressed after the holidays, as will repairs to the sprinkler system in the prayer garden.

Nominating Committee:

Sharon Stinard, Robert Cunningham, Paul Nasset, Peter Cavoto, and Denise Rock will serve on next year's nominating committee.

Discipleship/Youth Activities-Kim

Sidewalk Sunday School continues to be held at 10:30. Youth will be hiking again in January. The Sunday School Christmas Program will be digital this year. Donations to the Angel Tree Program totaled \$4000 at East Mesa and \$900 at Gold Canyon. Those amounts along with carryover monies in the Angel Tree fund allowed us to help families at Stephenson Elementary School; Peralta Trail Elementary and Desert Vista Elementary in Gold Canyon each received \$900; and Lutheran Social Services received 50-\$35 gift cards to help multiple families in the community.

Missions-Richard

75 fleece blankets were donated to Concordia Charter School; 100 items which included caps, scarves, blankets, stockings and sweaters were donated to the Navajo Lutheran School; gift cards were donated to I-Help.

Music & Worship- John

The 6:00 PM Christmas Eve service will be a drive- in service held in the west parking lot; the 2:00, 4:00 and 11:00 PM services will be held in the sanctuary with soloists and the bell choir performing at various services. A "12 Days of Christmas" musical post will be on Facebook.

Administration/WELCA – Susan

\$1,000 in gift cards from roaster pan donations will be divided among 4 schools; Stephenson Elementary & Skyline High School in Mesa and Desert Vista Elementary & Peralta Trail Elementary in Gold Canyon.

Susan Drane was selected to be the EMCC representative on Council. This action will be brought to Council for approval on December 15.

The meeting was adjourned and closed with prayer. Next meeting will be held on January 11, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

**Our Saviors Lutheran Church
Gold Canyon Coordinating Committee
December 1, 2020**

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

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

Absent: Richard Falk, Mike Johnson

Pastor Bill opened the meeting with prayer.

Our facilities were closed March 17th. In-person worship services were resumed in November. We have not been holding face to face meetings. This was our ninth monthly meeting done through Zoom.

The November Meeting Notes were reviewed.

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

Pr. Bill – We are heading into the season of Advent. Pr. Nancy is returning and will be recording Blue Christmas service to air December 21st. The Christmas Eve services are scheduled for 4pm and 9pm. If these services fill up a 2pm and 6pm service can be added. Book studies are continuing.

Pr. Tina is working on the Christmas worship services. The recorded worship services will look the same as previous years. In-person services will be very different. There will be no community singing. She thought we might be able to sing Silent Night outside after people leave the sanctuary. They will be asked to stand by their cars and turn on a light on their cell phone. Richard will look into the availability of outdoor speakers. He may just lead the service using his guitar. Bible studies are going well.

Kim reported that the youth have been doing Saturday hikes. The first was Silly Mountain. Sunday School is still meeting outside at 1030. The Christmas program with the youth will be virtual. Families are filming parts of the program and Kim will have them spliced together. She will be on vacation December 16th through Dec 20th.

Dave repaired the urinals in both men's rooms.

Care needs a new chair. Pr. Tina is covering all necessary items for the time being.

Discipleship - Suzy remarked that both studies are going well.

Finance - Karen Howard reported the contributions were up for October. November is running behind but expenses are also down. The Finance committee is working on the 2021 budget.

Missions – Ruth is working with LeAnn Nordberg on Angel Tree. People are really disappointed that they can't shop. The schools in the Gold Canyon collection need their donations by Dec. 9th.

WELCA – Susan held a Zoom meeting with the representatives of the seasonal Circles. They have decided to have a joint Zoom Circle meeting the 2nd Wed of each month at 9am. This study will be the same as the Sarah Circle and start in January. The Bazaar has been cancelled.

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Old Business

The Regathering Task Force recommended that 50 worshipers be allowed to attend at a time at Gold Canyon. Worship Staff would not be counted. Leonard made a motion and Robert seconded to present to the Council. Motion passed.

The future need for a 1030 am service was discussed.

Permission for a neighbor to temporarily park a RV in the parking lot was reviewed. Ruth moved and Suzy seconded the addition of the following statement to the agreement "Your initial offer of a donation would be graciously accepted by OSLC". Motion passed.

Pr. Tina closed us with a prayer.

Our next meeting is January 1st, 2021 at 1pm by Zoom.



Many thanks to all who donated cash, checks or gift cards for the Angel Tree 2020! Due to your generosity each school has received a check for just over \$900. Each school principal was excited to receive this help for their students and their families. You showed the true spirit of Christmas by supporting our Angel tree.



Peralta Trail Elementary



Desert Vista Elementary

FINANCIAL REPORT

Statement of Financial Position For All Funds as of 11/30/2020

Assets

Bank

Chase Business Checking	\$	265,217.17
Chase PPP Loan Checking	\$	2,275.71
ELCA Federal Credit Union	\$	25.00
MIF Investment Acct	\$	5,239.99

Vanguard - OSLC Endowment	\$	706,733.66
Education Portion	\$	8,182.45
Other Portion	\$	8,652.90

Total Vanguard - OSLC Endowment \$ **723,569.01**

Vanguard Capital Projects	\$	369.48
- Columbarium Niches	\$	5,475.00

Total Vanguard Capital Projects \$ **5,844.48**

Vanguard Reserve Account	\$	64,212.28
Petty Cash	\$	172.94

Total Bank \$ **1,066,556.58**

Total Accounts Receivable \$ **500.00**

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

Total Assets \$ **6,293,511.63**

Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$	9,498.55
Payroll Withholding & Taxes	\$	7,849.05
Chase PPP Loan Payable	\$	77,481.00
Mortgage Payable	\$	1,646,563.70

Total Liabilities \$ **1,741,392.30**

Net Assets

Restricted

Adult Education Materials Fund	\$	2,679.87
Angel Tree Fund	\$	1,573.54
Capital Projects - Vanguard	\$	5,844.48
Chase PPP Fund	\$	(92,097.11)
CYF General Fundraisers	\$	2,053.64
CYF Noisy Offerings	\$	2,975.15
CYF Trunk or Treat	\$	177.95
CYF VBS	\$	334.21
CYF Youth-Sunday School	\$	1,092.80
CYF Youth Gatherings	\$	470.67
CYF Youth Scholarships	\$	422.15
Designated Offerings	\$	50,958.65
EM Chapel Organ Fund	\$	6,698.00
Endowment Fund - Vanguard	\$	723,569.01
Family Promise Fund	\$	3,133.10
Food Shelf Fund	\$	2,420.00
GC Choir Fund	\$	574.00
Gods Work Our Hands Fund	\$	168.34
Holiday Flowers Fund	\$	70.84
I-Help Fund	\$	4,526.85
Legacy (debt reduction) Fund	\$	3,976.00
Local Emergency Aid Fund	\$	15,309.61
Mesa AV Project Fund	\$	542.27
Mesa Sign Project Fund	\$	56.59
MIF Investments	\$	5,239.99
Music Fund	\$	(52.50)
Parking Lot Fund	\$	930.00
Property and Equipment	\$	3,579,891.35
Reserve Fund - Vanguard	\$	64,212.28
Snack Pack Fund	\$	13,035.77
Thrivent Sponsored Events	\$	2,908.96
Undesignated Memorials	\$	2,032.17
WELCA Fund	\$	219.66

Total Restricted \$ **4,405,948.29**

Unrestricted (General Fund) \$ **146,171.04**

Total Net Assets \$ **4,552,119.33**

Total Liabilities + Net Assets \$ **6,293,511.63**

Weekly Devotions



- **Devotions: Live Mondays at 1:30 pm on Facebook (AZ time)**
- **Available any time on Facebook!**

The WELCA (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.

Bible Study on 1 & 2 Samuel

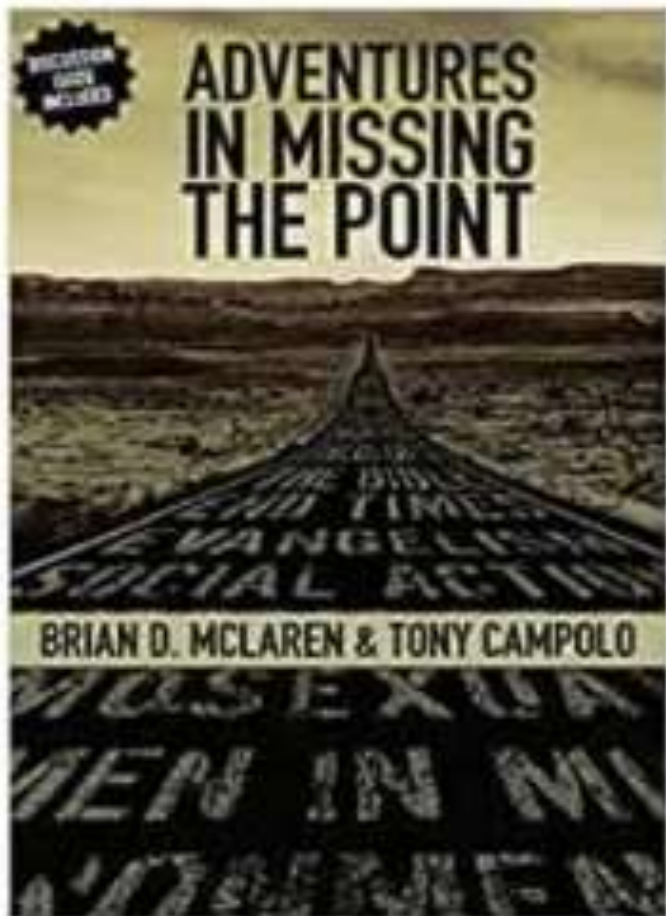
Tuesdays at 10:30 am

Saturdays at 9:00 am

We will be studying the books of 1 & 2 Samuel using a resource from Augsburg Fortress as a study guide. The title of the guide is: "1&2 Samuel Learner Session Guide: Books of Faith."

You can purchase the Learner Session Guide at their website, augsburgfortress.org.

Please contact Pastor Tina for information and the Zoom meeting link: 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 to receive the zoom credentials and syllabus. You may purchase the book on Amazon.

Happy Birthday

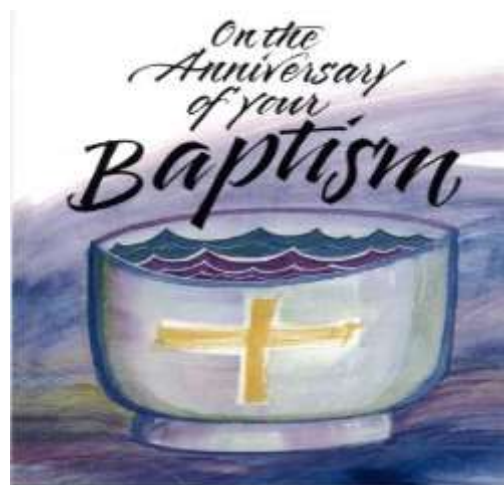
01/01	Margaret Wilson	01/14	Carolyn Collis
01/02	Marla Weissert	01/14	Suzy Cavoto
01/02	Susan Barrow	01/14	Junior Kirk
01/03	Bonnie Lindquist	01/16	Toodie Iverson
01/04	Ann Lester	01/16	Gary Hagen
01/05	Brenda Flatgard	01/16	Lenny Rybczyk
01/05	Robert Holmes Jr	01/18	Max Justmann
01/06	Lil Gilman	01/18	Lucy Downing
01/06	Sharon Nasset	01/18	Marie McKay
01/07	Skylar Patton	01/18	Patricia Fuller
01/08	Jim Beutel	01/20	George Carley
01/08	Dodie Larson	01/20	Rosanne Casterton
01/09	Vera Hartman	01/22	Naomi Polzin
01/09	Margie Pillsbury	01/22	Hailey Carr
01/09	Christy Gjerde	01/24	Vern Bloom
01/10	Arlene Nunes	01/24	Jan Lofthus
01/10	Delmer Voss	01/24	Keith Slater
01/10	Earl Ballou	01/24	Kaitlyn Patton
01/10	Albert Gerke	01/25	Muriel Langerud
01/10	Odell Braaten	01/25	Mary Walker
01/10	Karen Stanko	01/25	Linda Slinde
01/10	Jenny Gottlieb	01/27	Richard Halverson
01/12	Ed Henderson	01/28	Barb DuFour
01/12	Bob Thibodeau	01/28	Gene Anderson
01/12	Aurora Arnett	01/29	Jerry Finnegan
01/13	Jean Groth	01/29	Rob Ryall
01/13	Don Wygle	01/29	Emory Struck
01/13	Peggy Tabor	01/29	Klayton Kemper
01/13	Cathy Longman	01/30	June Brudvik
01/13	Sarah McCracken		
01/13	Hunter Huish		

Wishing You a Happy Anniversary!



01/01	Wall, Joyce & Tom
01/01	Hanson, Dale & Diane
01/02	Urdahl, Margie & Marlowe
01/04	Roscoe, Ashley & Aaron Bearden
01/08	Aasen, Bob & Patty Aasan
01/09	Cochran, Cookie & Bob
01/10	Teske, Linda & Tom
01/11	Langerud, Muriel & Cal
01/19	Jordan, Geraldine & David
01/21	Tabor, Peggy & Al
01/24	Strang, Alinet & Don
01/27	Sonnenburg, Louise & Curt
01/27	Tupa, Dick & Sheryl
01/27	Struck, Dennis & Candis
01/28	Slinde, Linda & Darryl
01/28	Ulmer, Faye & George
01/30	Vogl, Shirley & Gene

1/14/2007	Alexander	Holmes
1/1/2009	Cash	Kemper
1/11/2009	Charles	Dempsey
1/15/2009	Veva Blu Evangeline	Wright
1/1/2012	Margaret	Wilson
1/20/2013	Jett	Kemper
1/27/2013	Marin	Heistan
1/19/2014	Hayden	Carr
1/19/2014	Hudson	Carr



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Mission Items

FOOD SHELF:

In place of food shelf donations,
buy a gift package at the grocery store.

ELCA Good Gifts

ELCA Good Gifts provides more than 50 different gift-giving options that grow the church, fight hunger and transform lives. These gifts, starting at just \$10, provide direct support for the churchwide ministries of the ELCA.



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Saturday Service
4:00pm

Sunday Services

7:30am
9:00am
10:30am

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9:00am

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