



A Multi-Campus Ministry

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Our Savior's Newsletter

November 2021

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East Mesa Office Hours

10 am to 3 pm Monday—Friday

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

1 Thessalonians 5: 16—18

Dear People of God at Our Savior's,

November is a wonderful time to be in Arizona! The weather is just about perfect, and so many of our friends who summer in other places are returning. This is the perfect month to pause and give thanks for our many blessings— Let us give thanks for the gift of our families, friends, neighbors; all of the people who enrich our lives!

This year I especially give thanks for the opportunity to serve at Our Savior's as the interim pastor. This congregation has been gifted with faithful servants over the years, both clergy and lay leaders; let us pause and give thanks for the blessing this congregation is in so many lives. Remember to give thanks that you are part of this wonderful community of faith.

I am excited to see the future that God has in store for this faith community as Our Savior's discerns what it means to be church during these challenging times. Let us pray for the guidance of the Spirit as the Transition Team begins its work this month. Also, please pray for the Pastor that God is preparing to be the next Senior Pastor at Our Savior's.

Let us give thanks for the faith that sustains us and gives us a way forward in this life. Life is complicated, but our path is made level and straight when we follow Jesus in the way of love. Let us remember to praise God each day for the gift of Jesus and the hope and peace he offers us as his disciples.

Let us also give thanks for this beautiful country in which we live. We are living in a time when the political rhetoric and posturing divides us more than it unites us. Let us give thanks that we live in these United States and pray each day that God will heal our divisions and unite us as one people. Remember the words from the Pledge of Allegiance: *'one nation, under God, with liberty and justice for all!'*

Abundant blessings,

Pastor Doris Nolan, Transitional Senior Pastor

Thanksgiving Eve Worship and Fellowship

Join the whole community of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in expressing our thanks this year!

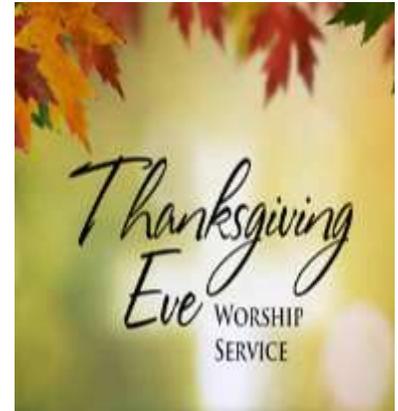
Sometimes, we need a reminder to calm our hearts and reflect on all the blessings God has given us. Every year, we are given that reminder with the coming of Thanksgiving. Before you participate in your own Thanksgiving traditions, I invite you to join Our Savior's faith community in a time of grateful worship, praise, and fellowship!

We will be gathering at 4pm on Wednesday November 24th in the East Mesa Sanctuary to sing praises and lift our prayers of thanksgiving to God. After worship we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a Pie Potluck Fellowship. Bring your favorite pie to share with those who gather!

I look forward to this time of Thanksgiving with all of you!

Pastor Tina

*Pies can be taken to the kitchen before worship.



NOVEMBER MISSION

ANGEL TREE

The Angel Trees of Our Savior's Lutheran Church help see to it that children who may not have a Christmas morning, have packages under the Christmas tree. Whether those packages are toys, clothes, books, etc. they are certain to bring smiles to the faces of children who receive them. The Angel Tree mission is coming to us a month early this year in order to give participants time to shop and the Mission team more time to get those gifts distributed to the schools before Winter break. The trees and Angel tags will be up at both Gold Canyon and East Mesa soon. As in years past this is our opportunity to help children have a Merry Christmas!!



ROASTER PANS

This is the time of the year when the Women of the ELCA collect money for Holiday Dinners for the low-income people in our community. We will have roaster pans available for your donations. If you are giving a check, make it out to "WELCA." We will buy gift cards at Fry's to distribute and the amounts will be determined by how many people there are in the family. They are marked "Cannot be used for alcohol or tobacco." We have done this for many years and the response from the families is always appreciated. Thank you in advance for your donation.





Love Remains

I heard a beautiful story a few months ago. It was a story that showed the power of connection and love. It also showed how we outlive our physical bodies.

Years ago, in Africa, there was an orphaned elephant that was found and taken to a sanctuary. The man who ran the sanctuary cared for the young elephant until it was old enough to go back to the wild.

The elephant would return now and again to visit the man, but as with human children, the elephant returned less and less as time went on. Until the day the man who had run the sanctuary got sick. The elephant showed up and remained in the area popping in every week or so to visit.

When the man died, the elephant came and stood watch. A silent, steady, living memorial. And this elephant wasn't alone for long. Within hours of the man's death, other elephants that he had cared for came. They stood as sentries around this man's house on the grounds of the sanctuary he had operated. They swayed in time to the mournful cries emanating from deep within their hearts. When they had been there for two days, they started to leave, one by one.

The family and colleagues of this man were astounded. Elephants in the wild mourn their dead in this way, but they had never heard of them doing this for a human.

They were even more astounded when the elephants showed up again, one by one, on the first anniversary of this man's death. They came that first year, and then the second, and then the third, each time standing outside the home of their beloved care-taker, honoring his memory.

We humans understand this need to honor those that we love who are no longer with us in bodily form.

For three days every fall many people celebrate a series of holidays called Allhallowtide, that revolve around remembering their loved ones who have died. All Hallows Eve, or Halloween, on October 31st, All Saint's Day on November 1st and Dia de los Muertos on November 1st-2nd, are all celebrations to honor the dead.

Why is this so common? Well, it's common because we outlive our physical bodies. The memory and the love of the people who have died remains, and living beings need a way to honor that. So, in moments when there seems to be a thinner space between our world and their world, we lift up their memory and love to honor them and the relationships that live on.

Please join us for our **All Saints Day celebration on November 6-7**, when we lift up and honor the love that remains. There will be forms available so that your loved one can be remembered during the service you attend.

Blessings to you. May the love that remains be a source of comfort and peace.

Pastor Tina

Romans 6:4

⁴Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

Romans 14:8

⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.



To all who have served in our nation's military - -

Blessed Veteran's Day

We give thanks for you and are grateful for your service!

God bless you - and God bless America!



Gather for Prayer on Wednesdays



8:30 am on Zoom
Meeting Number: 817 3868 0094
Passcode: 286242
In Person: 3 pm East Mesa Chapel
4:30 pm Gold Canyon Sanctuary



Transition Update -- *It is Time to Form a Transition Team*

Schedule of Meetings: Hybrid Meetings at 6:30

1. Tuesday, November 9 – EM conference Rm
2. Tuesday, November 30 – GC Forum Rm
3. Tuesday, December 14 -- EM conference Rm
4. Tuesday, January 11 -- GC Forum Rm

The purpose of the Transition Team is to help the congregation review its history and identify its present:

- to name what makes this congregation loved and valued by its members,
- to speak plainly about things that have not gone so well,
- to identify who Our Savior's is today – what is important about our ministry here
- to describe the future mission and ministry of Our Savior's.

The Transition Team will host some fun activities to bring us all together to talk and to remember, to talk some more about who we are today and to dream a bit about the future and the qualities hoped for in the next pastoral leader.

The Transition Team will also do a congregation wide survey to gather information about what each of you thinks is important for this congregation to do and to be in the communities of East Mesa and Gold Canyon and the surrounding area within the reach of this congregation.

Contact Pastor Doris (doris@oslcaz.org) if you are interested in serving on the Transition Team or for more information.



Celebrate the 10+ Anniversary of
Gold Canyon Campus
Friday, November 12th



5:00 pm

Both campuses are invited
OSLC will provide pizza and drinks
Bring a salad or dessert to share
There will be games and entertainment.

This 10 year celebration is a combination of Gold Canyon's Annual Summer Celebration and the 10 year anniversary of the opening of the Gold Canyon's campus. The 11th anniversary of the Gold Canyon campus is December 19, 2021. Because of Covid we had to postpone our celebrations to now.



**OSLC will have a booth at the
Festival of the Superstitions**

**Saturday, November 13th
10 am to 5 pm
Flatiron Park - Apache Junction**

**Contact Leonard Schroeder
for more information.**

Gold Canyon Campus
Starting November 7th
New Worship Times
8:30 am and 10:00 am



Other Stuff Happening at OSLC- We are thankful to be community together!

You may not see them at your worship service, but we have lots of children and youth in our buildings during the week!!

Lutheran Social Service of the Southwest Families Resource Center- provides educational activities for families with children from Birth to Kindergarten, at East Mesa, on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday mornings!

Boy Scouts- Meet at East Mesa on Monday Evenings from 6:45pm- 9pm in the Fellowship Hall

Girl Scouts- Meet at East Mesa every other Sunday in the Fellowship Hall from 1pm – 3pm.

Upcoming events:

Feed My Starving Children Giving Thanks on Thanksgiving Eve Event-



Pre Covid OSLC provided an opportunity for all to serve in Giving Thanks just before the day of Thanksgiving. We were unable to do this last year but are blessed that we can resume our tradition of serving others through the Feed My Starving Children organization.

Their Mission is Feeding God's starving children hungry in body and spirit. If you are unfamiliar with FMSC and would like to find out more go to <https://www.fmsc.org/about-us>

We are offering two opportunities to serve: Wednesday, November 24, 4:30 PM - 6:15 PM and Wednesday, November 24, 7:00 PM - 8:45 PM.

Please contact Kimm@oslc.org if you'd like to participate.

Blessing Bags



Thank you to all who participated with either donated items or financially. Over 100 bags have been packed. There are bags available at both Gold Canyon and East Mesa to be taken to be handed to the homeless. Perhaps to someone on the corner or in a homeless facility.

November support for our Food Banks include their Thanksgiving turkey drive. Turkeys can be taken directly to the food bank of your choice.

Minister of Discipleship November

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18. Rejoice always, pray continually, **give thanks** in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Happy November!! A whole month where Giving thanks becomes a focus! I don't know about you, but I needed this month as a reminder that as I look at a world that is broken and struggling God is still here! He is working in and through this congregation, and NOT just in the month of November but every day of the year! Thank you to each and everyone of you for continuing to shine the Light of Christ in a sometimes-dark world!

Children, Youth and Family Discipleship

Twenty plastic bags; filled with the shoes, socks, toilet paper, paper towels and Kleenex were received during our Holy SPIRIT month in August! Those items were donated to Native American Urban Ministry in Phoenix. Pastor Mary Louise Frenchmen, the Pastor at NAUM, shares her **thanks** and **thankfulness** of the NAUM congregation.



On October 3rd, Family Style Sunday, we celebrated the Milestone of Receiving Bibles at the East Mesa location. At Our Savior's we are **thankful** that through your financial gifts to Children, Youth and Family Ministry and Discipleship, that we can equip parents with Bibles several times throughout a young person's faith formation journey; Baptism, Kindergarten, 3rd Grade, and entering affirmation/confirmation.

Our young people who received Bibles presented by their parents this year: Beckham R. (K), Oliver G. (1st), Ishan P. (3rd), Becket C. (3rd), Allison D. (3rd) Madison D. (3rd) Smyth R. (3rd) Macey C. (A/C), Veva W. (A/C), Nelson M. (A/C) Jayme (A/C) Shay P. (A/C)

Also on October 3rd, we our had first Family Fellowship Event Post Pandemic at Skateland following worship. Our event happened to fall over Fall Break, so some families were out of town but those who came had fun and some even invited friends! **Thank You** for your fellowship!!



Our Youth

Our youth continue to meet for Affirmation. They meet during Sunday School time to study the Bible with myself and two older youth! **Thank you** to Sarah M. and Ashley A. for sharing your faith, leadership, and wisdom with younger students! Pastor Tina meets with Affirmation students following 10:30 East Mesa worship on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month. **Thank you**, Pastor Tina for teaching Catechism, and Living out the Lutheran tradition in a fun and hands on way.

Planning for **Lutheran Campformation** and **ELCA Youth Gathering** continues! Dates for Camp are July 3rd – 8th, 2022 and for the Gathering July 24-28, 2022 in Minneapolis, MN. If you would like more information about Lutheran Campformation or the ELCA Youth Gathering check out links below: www.lutherancampformation.org

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CJXWcI1otWc> (Youth Gathering)

Fundraising for both events will begin in January of 2022. If you'd like to sponsor a camper or participant, the cost for camp is 300.00 per camper and 325.00 per participant for the Gathering. We currently have 3 youth wanting to go to camp and 2 going to the youth gathering. **Thank you** for your generosity, especially when it come to the Children and Youth of this congregation!!

Community Fellowship and Fun

Halloween Movie Night!!

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You 

At the time of writing the articles for the Newsletter, our Halloween Drive in Movie has not happened but **THANK YOU** for your generosity in the donations of candy! We could not do what we do without you!!

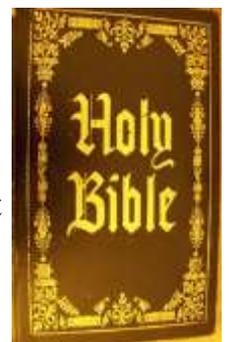
Adult Discipleship

Wine and Word

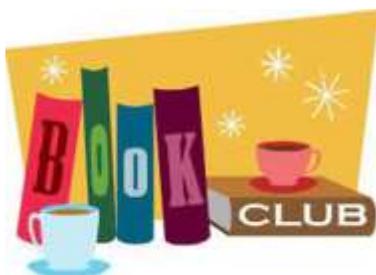


We are trying something new (to us) and different (for us)!

A group of people are meeting, having a glass or two of wine and discussing Scripture. Our first meeting has not happened at the time of writing this article but if you are interested in becoming a part of this ministry, either participating or leading, please contact Kimm@oslcaz.org.



OSLC Book Club



The OSLC Book Club meets the third Monday of the month at 12:00 pm in the Forum Room at Gold Canyon. Participants are invited to bring a bag lunch and eat while discussing the current month's book. The November 15th book is *The Alice Network* by Kate Quinn. For more information or questions contact Carol Ronan at cdronan@juno.com

WELCA- Sarah Circle

Just a reminder that Sarah Circle meets at 6:30 pm via Zoom the 4th Monday of the month. If you belong to another circle that is NOT currently meeting and would like to join us, we welcome you!!!

We use the study from the Gather Magazine <https://www.gathermagazine.org/>.

If you would like to be a part of this study, please contact Kim McCracken (kimm@oslcaz.org).



The East Mesa Library



Thank You to Lisa Bartlemy, Michelle Vikander, and Janet Hastings for being willing to serve together as a team at the East Mesa Library! Our Library will officially be open in the Season of Advent.

Other Stuff Happening at OSLC- We are thankful to be community together!

Alcoholics Anonymous -We welcome back Sobriety is Gold, meeting at Gold Canyon. They meet Saturdays at 9am and Wednesdays at 10am.

Alcoholics Anonymous- Arbor Group- We are excited to have the Arbor group back with us! They meet at East Mesa daily, 11:30am Monday- Friday and 12pm on Saturday and Sunday.

Sons and Daughters of Italy, Bilotti Lodge – Meets on the third Monday of the Month at East Mesa from 4:30pm- 8:30pm Dinner and meeting time begins at 6pm.

We are excited to welcome the Sons of Norway who will be meeting at East Mesa the 3rd Saturday of the Month from 9am – 2pm in the Fellowship Hall.



Grief Support is not just about physically losing a loved one. You can experience grief over the loss of a relationship, the loss of a job, or the change in a situation and maybe in other ways not included here. Please know grief support is there to let you know you are not alone. Yes, everyone grieves in their own way, but you do not have to do it alone. We meet Friday mornings at 10am at IHOP on Signal Butte and Southern in Mesa.

I-HELP

Interfaith Homeless Emergency Lodging Program

I-HELP provides a safe place to sleep and a meal for adults experiencing homelessness every night of the week. I-HELP also offers case management services to connect individuals to the vital resources needed to regain stability and break the vicious cycle of homelessness.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church provides meals, a sack lunch, and a safe place to sleep for women in this Lutheran Social Services (LSS) mission on Mondays and Tuesdays three times a month.

Volunteers to prepare and serve healthy meals are welcome. Call Linda Gerke (480-258-3975) if you are able to help on Tuesday evenings. Call Robin Tomlinson (480-396-6174) for the Monday group.

Happy Birthday

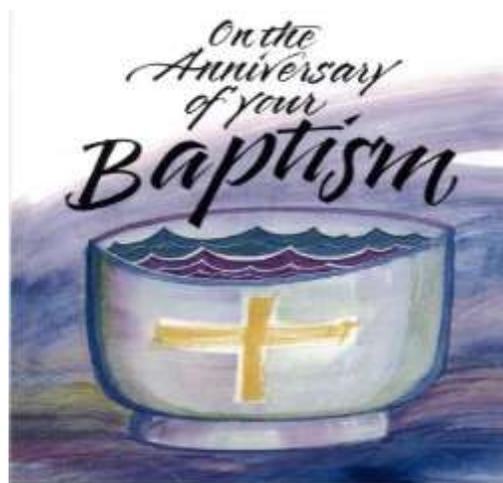
11/01	Betty Johnson	11/09	Nancy Walheim	11/18	Sharon Carpenter
11/01	Carolyn Gerkin	11/09	Dan Pankow	11/18	Bob Bartlemay
11/01	Katie Castle	11/09	Robbin Coughlin	11/19	Elaine Wenbourne
11/02	Jan Ballou	11/10	Diane Saari	11/20	Jamie Mueller
11/02	Curt Ust	11/10	Edee Waters	11/21	Carol Nystedt
11/03	Layner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

Wishing You a Happy Anniversary!



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

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



OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MINUTES

September 21, 2021 3:00 pm Hybrid Meeting at East Mesa

PRESENT: Barb Reurink, Sharon Stinard, Cindy Reichert, John Malmberg, Neil Mattson, Susan Drane, Ruth Parker

ABSENT: Janice Cunningham, Suzy Cavoto, Leonard Schroeder

STAFF: Pastor Doris Nolan, Pastor Tina Mills and Kim McCracken

GUESTS: Dave Reurink

CALL TO ORDER: (3:00 PM) by Vice-President Sharon Stinard

DEVOTIONS: Pastor Tina Mills

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Ruth Parker moved to approve the agenda second by Cindy Reichert. MC

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE August 12, 2021, SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING: Susan Drane moved to accept the minutes as written and was seconded by John Malmberg. MC

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE August 17, 2021, COUNCIL MEETING: Cindy Reichert moved to accept the minutes as written and was seconded by John Malmberg. MC

STAFF REPORTS:

Pastor Nolan: 1. Reported on the general timeline for transition. Transition team will be appointed and will start to work during November and December with events starting in the first quarter of 2022. They will work on the history of OSLC, where we are now, and the future for OSLC. This team will work on the Ministry Site Profile (MSP). When this is completed then the Council will approve and a call committee of six will be called. A Transition coach will be appointed by the Synod to work with the call committee. 2. She has met with the staff to learn their duties. 3. Communication is to be focused on. 4. Discussion on hiring a seasonal pastor for the high season.

Pastor Mills: 1. A Zoom account has been created for meetings at OSLC. 2. A Google account was also set up for a YouTube channel to provide another outlet for online services. 3. Pastor Tina will be on vacation Oct. 2-Oct. 8. Pastor John Schaumburg will fill in at Gold Canyon that week.

Kim McCracken: Provided a written report. 1. There will be a Bible Milestone Class on Sunday Sept. 26, following the 10:30 service at East Mesa. Parents will present their children with Bibles on Family Style Sunday at East Mesa on Oct. 3 during the 10:30 worship service. 2. The Girl Scouts will have an overnight at the Gold Canyon campus on Oct. 1.

Treasurer's report. A written report was provided. Neil Mattson moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Second by Ruth Parker. MC

EAST MESA COORDINATING COMMITTEE: Cindy Reichert provided a written report. The sound system in the Community Room needs to be updated.

GOLD CANYON COORDINATING COMMITTEE: A written report was provided. One service will be added at Gold Canyon on Nov. 1. CDC Guidance signs have been placed.

ADMINISTRATION: No Report

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

(continued)

September 21, 2021 3:00 pm Hybrid Meeting at Gold Canyon

EVANGELISM: Ruth Parker reported for Leonard Schroeder the Festival of Superstition will be held at Flat Iron Park on Nov. 13.

MISSIONS: Ruth Parker reported that 1: The God's Work Our Hands, Hymns and Hops event was held at Crossroads Lutheran Church in San Tan Valley. The money raised will be donated to Hope Women's Center in Coolidge for homeless women. 2. Family Promise was held at the East Mesa campus. Two families were served and the dinner was provided by the Sons of Italy. 3. The mission of the month for October is quilts. Quilts will be on display for sale. 4. \$10,000 of the Snack Pack money was sent to Apache Junction Schools to provide boxes of food for students on their two-week break. 5. Angel Tree is a go.

WELCA: Susan Drane reported that Janet Adams, who oversees the gift shop, wants to make the items more religious and would like to order some items using the church account. The money will be paid back to the general fund. WELCA will hold an Advent Breakfast the first Saturday in December. Tickets are available at the Circles and the church office and will be \$10.00.

COUNCIL ACTION: John Malmberg moved and second by Neil Mattson to allow WELCA to purchase \$200 of religious items for the gift shop using the church's credit account and to reimburse the general fund. MC

OLD BUSINESS: 1: Roof repair update: \$10,000 has been paid with an additional \$10,000 to be paid on Sept. 22. 2: Idso house update: The money has been received and the Council will be addressing the issue of how this money will be allocated.

NEW BUSINESS: Facility Oversight Committee. Property Team is being compiled. Dave Reurink reported that the dry wells need to have an inspection done. This will be done by Torrent at an approximate cost of \$1,000.

Sharon Stinard reported that there was only one applicant for Facility Manager and he was a no show for interview.

Dave Reurink said that he would step back in as Facility Manager if he could hire out the work that needed to be done on ladders.

Lord's Prayer

Upcoming Meeting on October 19, 2021 @ 3pm at Gold Canyon This will be a hybrid meeting.

1.) Ministry focus:

- + Improve communication
- + Begin the recruitment of a Transition Team
- + Continue to learn how ministry is accomplished at OSLC and to offer corrections for streamlining processes and augmenting the ministry

2.) Ministry Activities

- + Presided and preached at 11 worship services
- + 2 Pastoral Care visit/meeting
- + Led 3 prayer sessions
- + Attended the following congregational ministry meetings:
 - 9/22: Special Meeting of the Church Council
 - 9/27: Meeting with the Council President
 - 9/28: Evangelism Committee Meeting
 - 10/5: Gold Canyon Coordinating Committee Meeting
 - 10/5: Executive Committee Meeting
 - 10/11 EM Coordinating Committee Meeting
 - 10/15: Finance Committee Meeting
 - 10/15: Meeting with the Treasurer
- + Meetings with Staff
 - 9/22: Lee Nathan
 - 9/27, 10/11, 10/18: Ministry Staff Meeting
 - 9/27, 10/4, 10/11: Staff Meetings
 - 10/4: Kim McCracken
 - 10/4: Dianna Phillips
 - 10/12 Discipleship Planning Meeting
 - 10/13 Ministry Staff for Sunday preparation
- + Rio Salado Conference & Grand Canyon Synod
 - 10/6, 10/13: Pastors' Text Study
 - 10/18, 10/19: Bishop's Fall Convocation

**Report to the Church Council Pastor Tina Mills
October 18, 2021 (covering 9/22-10/18)**

Ministry Focus

- Pastoral Care and Visitation
- Education
- Mentoring/Assisting Interim Pastor as Pr. Doris learns the rhythm of the congregation's schedule, mission, and ministries.
- Worship

Ministry Activities

- Presided and preached at 8 worship services
- 15 Pastoral Care/Visitation
 - *5 in home/facility
 - *4 in office
 - *6 phone call visits
- Presided at a wedding
- Education
 - *2 Bible study sessions (6 sessions, 3 weeks, interrupted by vacation, synod council, and Bishop's convocation)
 - *2 sessions of Affirmation/Confirmation Class
- Other Events
 - *Overnight with Family Promise
 - *10/17 Mission event
- Attended the following congregational ministry meetings:
 - *9/28: Meeting About Brochures/Evangelism
 - *10/11 EM Coordinating Committee Meeting
- Meetings with Staff
 - *9/27, 10/11, 10/18: Ministry Staff Meeting
 - *9/27, 10/4, 10/11: Staff Meetings
 - *10/12 Discipleship Planning Meeting
 - *10/13 Ministry Staff for Sunday preparation
 - *Q/A sessions with Pastor Doris
 - *9/28, 10/12 Affirmation/Confirmation planning
- Rio Salado Conference & Grand Canyon Synod
 - *9/29, 10/13: Pastors' Text Study
 - *10/9 Synod Council
 - *10/18, 10/19: Bishop's Fall Convocation

**OUR SAVIORS LUTHERAN CHURCH
MESA/GOLD CANYON
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
October 1, 2021**

Present: Janice Cunningham, Barb Reurink, Cindy Reichert, Susan Drane, John Malmberg

Absent: Neil Mattson, Suzy Cavoto, Sharon Stinard, Leonard Schroeder, Ruth Parker

Staff: Pastor Doris Nolan

Call to Order at 1:00pm

Prayer: Pastor Doris Nolan

This meeting is to accept the bid for phase 2 of East Mesa roof repair.

COUNCIL ACTION: John Malmberg moved and a second by Barb Reurink to accept the bid of \$24,040 for Phase 2 of East Mesa roof repair. MC

Meeting adjourned at 1:30pm

**EM COORDINATING COMMITTEE MINUTES
9-13-2021**

The East Mesa Coordinating Committee met Monday, September 13, 2021, at 1:00 P.M.

Attending: John Weber, Pastor Tina, Kim McCracken, Ruth Parker, Robin Tomlinson, Pastor Doris, Linda Gerke, Susan Drane & Cindy Reichert

Absent: Janice Cunningham and Phyllis Edmond

The meeting was opened with prayer.

Family Promise – Robin

We will be hosting families the week of September 19-26. Sunday School rooms needed for the program are being readied. Carol Prellberg is coordinating meals for the families. Additional overnight hosts are needed.

I-Help – Linda

12-15 ladies are participating in the program at this time. We will be hosting an extra week in November.

Discipleship/Youth Activities-Kim

We had a great response to our Holy Spirit month. Shoes, socks and paper products were received which will go to the Native American Urban Ministry in Phoenix.

The first day of Sunday School for the 2021-22 school year was September 12th. Nine elementary aged children, four junior high and two high school youth attended.

The first Affirmation/Confirmation class was held on September 12th with 5 students attending. ELCA Youth Gathering prep and planning is underway for July 24-28, 2022 in Minneapolis, MN. We have 6 youth who are eligible to attend.

A drive-in movie will be shown on October 23rd in lieu of the normal Trunk or Treat event.

Pastor Tina is leading a Bible study on the book of Joshua. The next Discipleship meeting will be held on Monday, November 1st at 1:00 PM to discuss winter season discipleship programming.

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Music & Worship– John

Choirs will reconvene on October 27th.

The sound systems in the Sanctuary and Chapel are functional; however, the system in the Community Room is not working and needs to be updated.

WELCA - Susan

The Advent Breakfast will be held on December 4th. Tickets to the event are \$10.

\$1,590.45 was collected for the No Bake, Bake Sale. The proceeds were divided between the Gold Canyon and East Mesa Food Banks. Circle meetings will begin again in October. The Sarah Circle continues to meet on the 4th Monday of the month.

Missions- Ruth

\$10,000 from the Snack Pack Fund will be donated to the Feed the Children program administered by the food service program at the Apache Junction Schools. The program, funded entirely by donations, provides meal boxes to children during the 2 week Fall, Christmas and Spring Break intervals.

Pop tops were delivered to the Ronald McDonald House in Mesa.

September's Mission of the Month is God's Work, Our Hands. Blessing Bags will be assembled and distributed to the needy. Those who would like to participate in this mission may either make a financial donation, or provide items to fill the bags. The list of items needed to fill the Blessing Bags will be available. Blessing Bags will be assembled on Sunday, October 17th after the 10:30 worship service at East Mesa and after the 9:00 service at Gold Canyon.

Maintenance/Repairs Update

We are waiting for materials to arrive in order to complete the roof repair.

The irrigation system is not working and needs to be repaired. Estimates are being gathered.

A Property Team is being assembled. Anyone who is willing to become a member of the team is asked to contact John Weber.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer. Next meeting will be held on October 11th at 1:00 PM.

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**Our Saviors Lutheran Church
Gold Canyon Coordinating Committee
September 7, 2021**

Attending: Ruth Parker, Leonard Schroeder, Carol Ronen, John Malmberg, Marian Whedon. Zoom: Susan Drane and Karen Howard.

Staff: Pr. Tina Mills, Pr. Doris Nolan, Kim McCracken

Absent: Janice Cunningham, Robert Cunningham, Suzy Cavoto, Neil Mattson, Bea O'Dell.

Ruth Parker chaired the meeting and called it to order at 1:05pm.

Pastor Tina opened the meeting with a devotion and prayer.

Len asked to add an item under New Business regarding service times.

Pr. Doris Nolan was welcomed and spoke about her first week at OSLC. She has met all the staff and is setting up appointments with staff to learn their duties and how things are done. She will be focusing on communication so people know what is happening during transition.

Len moved to accept the August minutes as written, seconded by John. MC

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

Pr. Tina is excited Pr. Doris is here. We will take a look at the number of services at GC. Bible Study is going well and will continue as a Zoom meeting for now so that people out of town can attend. She is able to visit people in their own homes, in certain care facilities and Mt. View Hospital (allows 2 visitors at a time). She encourages those in Banner Hospitals to use the Chaplain so family can still visit. A Baptism and memorial services are scheduled at EM.

Kim thanked everyone for prayers and support for the passing of her daughter Keri's husband Taylor. Keri is very strong.

- Regarding Seminary, her evaluation is 9/16 and candidacy interview will be 11/5.
- 9/16 Campformation (7/3-8/2022) planning will begin. It was preempted the last two years.
- ELCA Youth Gathering (7/24-28/2022) in Minneapolis. Registration begins September 22, 2021.
- Sunday School Kickoff went well.
- Sunday School and Affirmation/Confirmation will begin this weekend 9/12.
- God's Work Our Hands – blessing bags.
- MOU for Sobriety is Gold was reviewed. They would like to begin meeting at GC in October on Wednesday and Saturdays at 9am. Motion to accept was made by John and seconded by Carol.

Pr. Doris: The CDC and our Bishop are recommending that masks be worn. It was decided to bring this up at Council meeting. Len Schroeder made a motion that only unvaccinated people need to wear masks. Seconded and carried.

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MINISTRY CHAIR REPORTS: Only those with activities are reported below:

Administration – No report.

Discipleship

- Carol Ronen reported that the Bible Study will continue on Zoom.
- Sunday School at GC.
- Book Club will meet on the 3rd Monday of each month in the Forum Room at GC at 12N following Prayer Shawl Meeting. Bring a bag lunch. October 18 “Upstairs at the White House”.
- We are considering having movies curbside at EM and in the courtyard at GC.

Evangelism Leonard is planning to have a booth at Festival of the Superstitions (11/13/2021) 10am to 7pm. We can provide 5-6 prayer shawls to be given away in a drawing. People will be asked for name, address and phone number for future mailing list. A flyer about the church will be available. Kim suggested a small grab and go craft for kids. Len mentioned that Mt. View did it and it was well received.

Missions – Ruth reported on the snack pack program. Pre-Covid we were supplying about 80 lunches for two area schools. The congregation has been very generous - \$20,000. The schools have three two-week breaks during the year where the schools provide a food box. Missions voted to use ½ of funds and write a check to the school office to help pay for food boxes.

- Blankets were donated which Family Promise did not need. Ruth donated them to the Native American Ministry at Grace.
- Pop tops for Ronald McDonald House. She learned that they recycle them and that there is about as much aluminum in the top as the can. We will be collecting pop tops.
- Family Promise Donations - \$1,600.

Finance – John Malmberg said we are a month away from 2022 Mission Plan. Giving is down and membership is down from 1400 to 1000.

WELCA – Susan Drane. \$1,590.45 was donated to the No Bake Bake Sale which was divided between the GC and EM food banks. The EM food bank was thrilled as they could use the extra money to repair their delivery truck.

- There will be a turkey drive in November and Ham drive in December.
- Peralta Elementary School is scheduling a Halloween Candy in Trunk event. Anyone is welcome. Decorate trunk, Banner, Candy. We can let the parents of students know how much the community cares.

Property – Leonard said shrubs/trees need to be trimmed. A man was hired to do it last year. Robert sprays a couple of times a year so weeds are not that bad. The piles of debris will be picked up shortly.

Old Business

The 10 Year Celebration is set for October 29th. Pizza will be provided by the church. People will be asked to bring salads and desserts. Suzy is working on Entertainment.

New Business

Len suggested we delete the 7:30am service and have 9 and 10:30am. If we canceled Zoom, the attendance may go up. Ruth asked how much advance notice is required if we change service times. John moved that we start having services at 8:30 and 10:00am beginning 11/1. Len seconded. Motion carried.

Pr. Tina closed the meeting with prayer.

Our next meeting is October 5, 2021, at 1pm in the Forum Room.

November 2021

General Fund Financial Information September 2021

Contributions

September Mission Plan	September Offerings	September Variance
\$43,974	\$36,207	(\$7,767)
Year-To-Date Mission Plan	Year-To-Date Offerings	Year-To-Date Variance
\$458,214	\$476,594	\$18,380

Expenditures

September Mission Plan	September Expenses	September Variance
\$51,347	\$45,603	\$5,744
Year-To-Date Mission Plan	Year-To-Date Expenses	Year-To-Date Variance
\$488,523	\$379,957	\$108,566

Full financial information is available in the church office.

**** Expenses are significantly below the Mission Plan due to the utilization of the Payroll Protection Plan loan of \$84,724 that was obtained through the ELCA.**



Our Savior's Lutheran Church

One congregation with two campuses.

<i>East Mesa Campus</i> 612 S. Ellsworth Road Mesa, AZ 85208	Sunday Services 7:30am
	Saturday Service 9:00am 4:00pm 10:30am
<i>Gold Canyon Campus</i> 5301 S. Kings Ranch Road Gold Canyon, AZ 85118	Sunday Services 8:30am 10:00am

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