



A Multi-Campus Ministry

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Our Savior's Newsletter

October 2021

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EAST MESA SUMMER HOURS

9 am to 3 pm Monday—Thursday

9 am to Noon 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 sisters and brothers in Christ,

Pray without ceasing is an instruction that appears many times in Scripture. Prayer is such an important part of our connection to God, for after all, prayer is how we communicate with God, prayer is how we talk to God. Good and frequent communication is essential in any relationship and our relationship with God is no exception.

It is difficult to grow in faith without an active prayer life. Psalm 116 reminds us of God's faithful attentiveness when we come to God in prayer: ***“I love the Lord, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication, for the Lord has given ear to me whenever I called.”***

Having an active prayer life takes some intentional effort on our part. And, perhaps if you are like me – you appreciate the help of the community in lifting our prayers to God. I particularly like to pray with other people. In nearly every congregation that I have served, I have invited the congregation to join me in weekly prayer time.

The time in prayer takes this form: we do a brief check in with each person so that they can express their prayer requests, a Psalm or other Scripture reading is offered, there is a brief time for silent prayer or meditation, and then I, or another participant, leads the group in praying for that day's prayer requests and those of the larger community.

Beginning in October, we will be offering opportunities for the congregation to come together in weekly midweek prayer, both in person and on Zoom. This is the schedule for weekly prayer; all of these times are on Wednesdays beginning on October 13th:

- On Zoom at 8:30 am — look for the Zoom info in the weekly e-news & weekly worship handouts)
- 3 pm in the chapel in East Mesa
- 4:30 pm in the Forum Room in Gold Canyon.



**Weekly prayer
schedule;
Wednesdays
beginning
October 13th**

8:30am on **Zoom** —look for the Zoom info in *News in the Pews* and *E-News*.

In Person:
3pm East Mesa Chapel
4:30 Gold Canyon sanctuary

I hope that you will join us for prayer at one of these times. It is my hope and prayer that gathering for midweek prayer will strengthen the faith of those attending. Please come and join in prayer whenever you can.

Remember these words from 1Thessalonians 5: 16 – 18:

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

Abundant blessings,
Pastor Doris Nolan
Transitional Senior Pastor

Reminders from Pastor Tina

We are all grateful to be back in worship singing and praying out loud. We all rejoice that we were able to let go of the tight restrictions we had for a time. Yet the Covid-19 virus and its variants are still a part of the world we live in, so we do want to remind everyone of the ways we are still working to protect one another.

-There is hand sanitizer available at the entrances and exits.

-At both the Gold Canyon and East Mesa campuses, there are sections of the sanctuary that are set aside for greater distance between worshipers and mask wearing. If you sit in these sections, please wear a mask.

-The CDC recommends that those who are not vaccinated do wear masks and maintain a 6 foot distance.

-The CDC is now recommending that all people wear masks when they attend indoor worship, even if they are vaccinated.

-If you are showing any symptoms of illness, we ask that you worship from home by watching the recorded services that are available by going to the Worship page of our website www.oslcaz.org. The services are also available on Facebook and YouTube.

-Please notify the office if you have been diagnosed with Covid-19 following attendance at worship. These results will not be shared, they will be used to watch for any indication that people contracted the virus at worship.

Cases of Covid-19 are on the rise in our area. People who are vaccinated make up a low percentage of those new cases. Given the increase in cases we do want you to be aware of the change in recommendations from the CDC.

WELCOME!

OCTOBER - the month most "die hard" Arizonians look forward to...cooler weather! But one of the things I look forward to is the return of our friends who summer "up north." The past two years have been so crazy no matter where you live, but I truly hope this winter we will be able to see old friends back among us again. When you do return, I ask you to stop at the **Welcome Desk** either at the East Mesa Campus or the Gold Canyon Campus and let us know you have returned and if there are any changes in your address, phone number or email address so we can update our records.

It has been my privilege as a member of the Evangelism Committee to perform the Ministry of Membership, inviting attendees to join OSLC. Even with the craziness, we have been able to welcome a few new people into our fold. I am aware that many of you have been worshipping with us on line and over the phone. Maybe if you have not already done so, you might consider this year the year you become a Member or Associate Member.

An **Associate Member** does not lose their membership in their "home" church, but are given voting rights and the privilege of serving on committees and on council at OSLC.

Full Membership would be the transferring of your membership from your "home" church to OSLC.

OSLC is in a time of transition. We are very fortunate to have Pastor Doris Nolan as our Interim Pastor. We are still getting great sermons, reminding us of the love of God and the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. She is the perfect person to help us through this time. **If you do not feel comfortable not wearing a mask**, you are welcome to wear one and if you don't feel comfortable mingling among others, we have reserved a section in the sanctuary a little apart for just that reason. We want people to feel comfortable and safe as we gather in worship.

We hope to see new and returning faces again back in worship. In the meantime, stay healthy, have safe travels and we hope to see you soon.

Jacky Rothbard
Ministry of Membership



Welcome returning winter visitors!

Please complete an attendance card when you are at a worship service to let us know you are

back in Arizona;

Or call the church office: (480) 984 - 5555

MINISTER OF DISCIPLESHIP - OCTOBER

Kim McCracken, Ministry Coordinator

A PERSONAL THANK YOU!

It has been one month since the passing of my son-in-law, Taylor Koppendrayer, and although we still do not know the cause of his death, our family has been comforted by your words, your prayers, and your love! Thank you all for sharing the love and light of Jesus during this difficult time.

Journey to Seminary- I just wanted to provide an update on my journey to Seminary: I had a Psychological Evaluation on September 16th to make sure there are no red flags and that I have the mental stability and fortitude to enter into Candidacy. My next step is the interview process which will be November 5th.

CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY



Congratulations and Blessings to Oliver Greer
in celebration of his Baptism on
Sunday, September 12th, 2021!!

We had a great response to our Holy SPIRIT month! The goal was to get the whole body of the congregation excited for Sunday School! We collected an abundance of shoes and some toilet paper. Hopefully the congregation (including the children and youth) had some fun!! All the donations will be given to the Native American Urban Ministry/Grace Lutheran Church.



CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Sunday School Rally Day was a lot of fun. We had 4 or 5 families that attended with a total of 8 children. We were joined by more mature members of the congregation who were also celebrating Pr. Doris' first Sunday with us! We shared a meal together, enjoyed cake, played games, and won prizes!

Our First Day of Sunday School for the 2021-21 Sunday School year was well attended. We had 9 Elementary aged kids, 4 Junior high students and 2 High School Students.

We have a few students receiving Bibles. There will be a Bible Milestone Class on Sunday, September 26, following 10:30 worship at East Mesa. Parents will present their child with their Bibles on Family Style Sunday at East Mesa on October 3rd during the 10:30 worship service.

We will have a Family Fellowship Event following 10:30 Worship at East Mesa on Sunday, October 3rd. We will have lunch together and then head over to Skateland on Southern in Mesa. The cost for skating will be 10.00 per person which includes skate rental. If you wear pink in observance of Breast Cancer awareness, you will receive a pick glow necklace.

OUR YOUTH

Our First Affirmation/Confirmation class went well; we will have a class of 5 students. Affirmation will meet the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month except for November, December, and May.

Planning for Lutheran Campformation is underway! Dates are July 3rd – 8th, 2022. We have 6 youth who are eligible to go as campers and 4 who can go as counselors or GAP counselors. if you would like more information about Lutheran Campformation go to www.lutherancampformation.org

ELCA Youth Gathering- Prep and planning is also underway for the ELCA Youth Gathering. Early registration opened September 22, 2022. We currently have two youth who have expressed an interest. Youth Gathering is a fun experience for youth in grades 8 through 12. I feel that all youth should experience the Gathering at least once! You can learn more about the ELCA Youth Gathering by watching this video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CJXWc11otWc> ELCA Youth Gathering is July 24-28, 2022 in Minneapolis, MN.



Grief Support

Fridays 10am

IHOP Meeting Room
@ Signal Butte and
Southern



KimM@oslcaz.org

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 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 I Hop on Signal Butte and Southern in Mesa.

A Few THANK YOU's

Thank You to Lisa Bartlemay, Michelle Vikander, and Janet Hastings for being willing to serve together as a team at the East Mesa Library!

Thank you to Gene, George, and Curtis for hanging the display case for our 100 + year old Bibles and worship book in the main hallway by the Sunday School Hall!

**East Mesa Choir Rehearsals
Beginning Wednesday, Oct 27th at 6:30 pm
Time to Reserve your Wednesday evenings
for Choir under the direction of Dwight Walth!**

Fun, Fellowship and Song!

Bell Choir will be at 7:30 pm.

Please contact John Weber with questions.

(480) 253-0183



The Transition Process

The interim period between the leaving of a called senior pastor until the arrival of the next called senior pastor is a time of great opportunity as well as some challenges in the life of a congregation. The interim or transitional senior pastor is responsible to care for the congregation and lead it in a review of its past history – celebrating its high points and offering transparency and comfort regarding difficult times in its history, clarifying its current ministry opportunities and challenges as well as identifying its future mission and ministry goals.

The congregation will be led through these important tasks:

- 1.) reconnecting to its history;
- 2.) developing a clear identify in line with current circumstances;
- 3.) adjusting to leadership shifts;
- 4.) visioning the preferred future for this congregation and making the necessary adjustments;
- 5.) Writing the Ministry Site Profile (**MSP**) – this document describes the ministry and mission of Our Savior’s and this is what prospective pastors will read to assess if they are good candidates for the senior pastor call at Our Savior’s;
- 6.) A call committee will be formed and they will interview candidates identified by the Bishop’s office as suitable candidates for the senior pastor position.

A **Transition Team** will be assembled to work with the transitional senior pastor and the church council to lead the congregation through these first two steps and to complete step #5. Many opportunities will be offered so that everyone’s thoughts and hopes for this congregation will be heard. The church council and coordinating committees will address steps 3 & 4.

In more normal times, the transition process generally takes between 8 and 18 months. However, because of Covid and its ripple effect on all aspects of our lives, it is likely more realistic to extend this timeline to 12 to 24 months.

Throughout this interim period, it is important that we all be centered in prayer, trusting that the Holy Spirit will guide and direct us as we are about the work of transition.

More information about this process will be provided on a regular basis.

If you have questions, please contact Pastor Doris at doris@oslcaz.org or call her at 480-984-5555, ext. 308.

In your daily prayers, please add this prayer for the congregation:

Loving God, be with the people of Our Savior’s Lutheran Church; help us during this time of transition. Lead us and guide us; fill our leaders with your wisdom and bless all who will be willing to take on extra responsibilities to serve on the Transition Team. Keep us mindful of the work you would have us do and bless our efforts. Keep us always aware of your presence with us, and your love surrounding us; in Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

Council and Coordinating Committee Minutes:

Normally these are included in the monthly newsletter, and they will continue to be included in the future. However, we will be sharing the minutes after the council and each of the coordinating committees have approved the minutes of their respective meetings. This means there will be a month's lag time.

The September meetings were held, the minutes were recorded, and they will be approved by the council and the two campus coordinating committees at their October meetings. Then they will be printed in the November newsletter.

If you have any questions, or would like more information about this change, please contact Pastor Doris at doris@oslcaz.org.



**Ways to see the live stream for the
Sunday services.**

OSLC website:
<https://oslcaz.org/worship/>

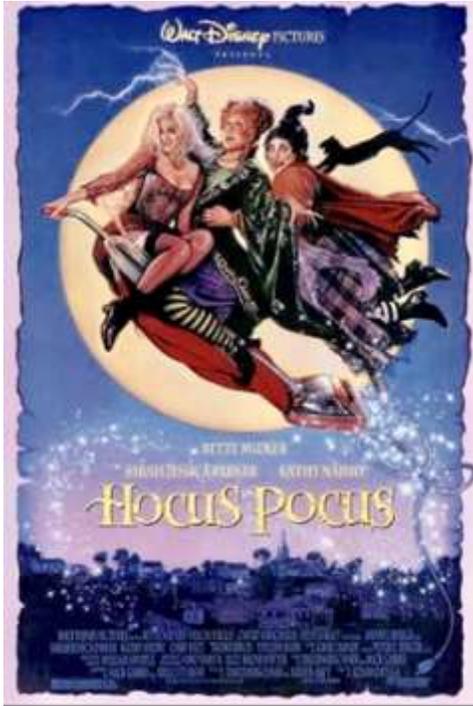
Facebook
(You need to "Like" our page.)



and our new YouTube Channel.

On YouTube, search for Our Savior's Lutheran Church, East Mesa — remember to subscribe to OSLC's channel! You will also be able to see past services on our new YouTube channel.

**Just a reminder
to wear
your name tag.**



FELLOWSHIP FUN

Halloween Movie Night!!

Saturday, October 23rd at 7pm

Join us for Halloween Movie Night – We will be showing the movie **Hocus Pocus** in our parking lot at East Mesa. **Hocus Pocus** is movie made in the 1980’s and is about a curious youngster who moves to Salem, where he struggles to fit in before awakening a trio of diabolical witches that were executed in the 17th century. Feel free to dress in your Halloween Costume!! We will have goodies and treats for Children of ALL ages!!!

WELCA- SARAH CIRCLE

Just a reminder that Sarah Circle meets at 6:30 pm via Zoom the 4th Monday of the month. 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).





Fry's
FOOD & DRUG STORES
Community Rewards Program

- 1) Pick up a Fry's key fob at your local Fry's store
- 2) Register it online to create your own account;
- 3) Enroll in the Rewards Program. Follow the instructions. When they ask you for the organization code enter: MC778
- 4) Swipe your Fry's fob at time of purchase and you will be contributing to OSLCAZ
- 5) You will still get your Gas Points.



How to support OSLCAZ while you shop!

- 1) Visit [OUR LINK](#) each time you shop which you can access at the bottom of the ENews page.
- 2) Purchase qualifying items
- 3) Amazon donates 0.5% of your purchase to OSLCAZ

Library Help- East Mesa



The Discipleship Team in looking for a person or a group of persons who is gifted in organization, has a love of books and feels called to serve as Librarian for our East Mesa Campus.

As Librarian you are also part of the Discipleship team and will be invited to quarterly meetings. Please contact Kim McCracken at kimm@oslcaz.org if interested or for more information.

Property Team

If you have experience in any of the following and have some time to serve the church call John Weber @480-253-0183.

Plumbing

Electrician

Landscape maintenance/irrigation

HVAC maintenance

General handy man



Reader Volunteers Needed

East Mesa Campus — sign-up sheets are in the narthex or call the church office, 480-984-5555.

Gold Canyon Campus

Contact Richard at 480-984-5555, ext. 404 or email at Richard@oslcaz.org

**Our Savior's Sanctuary Team,
East Mesa Campus
(also known as "the Go-fers")
Are looking for Volunteers to join them.**



Our Savior's Sanctuary Team, aka the Go-fers, are a team of people at the East Mesa Campus, whose primary call is to gather on Friday morning for fellowship and to prepare the building for weekend worship. Sometimes they do other projects when requested as well. They are a great group of people, always willing to serve. If you'd like to be a member of this team or would just like to see what they do, join them on Friday morning at 7am in the Fellowship Hall using the East Entrance doors.


GOLD CANYON
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
FOOD BANK

September 3, 2021

Our Saviors Lutheran Church
612 South Ellsworth Rd.
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Dear Our Saviors Lutheran Church Members,

The Gold Canyon United Methodist Church would like to thank you for your extremely generous donation in the amount of \$800.46 for our food bank. We are most thankful and grateful for your support of our mission.

Our mission is expressed in Matthew 25:35
***"For I was hungry, and you fed me.
I was thirsty and you gave me a drink.
I was a stranger and you invited me into your home."***

Our food bank statistics show that in August we served 475 individuals. Your donation, along with the help of the National Guard who delivers food to us from the United Food Bank, helps us meet the needs of many in our extended community at this time. You and so many others are indeed unique blessings to our food bank.

Thank you and bless you,



Rush Tucker
Food Bank Manager



Mid Carlozzi
Food Bank Manager

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East Mesa Baptist Church



The end of your search for a Bible loving Church

Our Ministries

- Soul Winning
- Food Bank Ministry
- Spanish Ministry
- Prison Outreach
- Nursing Home
- Teen Group
- Widows Watch
- Clothing Ministry
- Awana Clubs
- Children's Church
- VBS Ministry
- Singles Ministry
- Ladies Bible Study
- Keenagers
- Men's Ministry
- Global Missions
- Discipleship Class
- M.A.P. Ministry

September 1, 2021

Dear Our Savior's Lutheran,
Attention Communications:

Thank you so much for your donation from your No Bake-Bake Sale of \$790.00!!!

Your generosity and thoughtfulness is a true testimony of your character. We appreciate all that you do in helping EMBC and Ministries!

May God bless you!

Sincerely,

 Pastor Hughes
 Proverbs 3:5-6

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OCTOBER MISSION - QUILTERS



The quilters of OSLC are a group of women who work tirelessly to provide quilts and blankets to those in need. The results of their efforts comfort people at the Native American Urban Ministry Silver Creek Assisted Living, Lutheran Social Services, Concordia Charter and Veterans to name just a few. Throughout the year they continually need fabric, batting, thread, etc. To date they have produced 64 large, 68 lap, 64 baby, 3 Vets as well as 75 cuddly blankets they call "Tussys. Newcomers who like to quilt are more than welcome. They meet at the church on Thursday mornings. If interested contact the church office. This is our chance to support the women who provide comfort to so many.

Happy Birthday

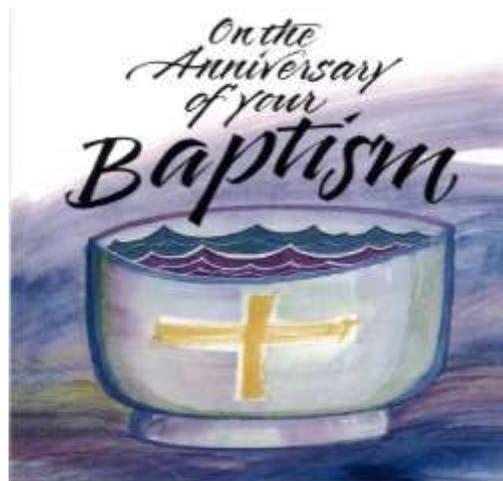
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| 10/01 | Marv Knutson | 10/11 | Gladys Armstrong | 10/24 | Leona Janz |
| 10/01 | Vi Geving | 10/11 | Al Baker | 10/24 | Melanie King |
| 10/01 | Dar Orvold | 10/12 | Gene Fedorenko | 10/24 | Shawn Sapp |
| 10/01 | Norma Perala | 10/12 | Marlys Wright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

Wishing You a Happy Anniversary!



- 10/03 Ballou, Earl & Jan
- 10/04 Harding, Karen & Neal
- 10/04 Fuller, Patricia & Larry
- 10/05 Darnell, Gene & Jan
- 10/06 Walker, Ralph & Mary
- 10/06 Zempel, Maxine & Richard Falk
- 10/09 Danzeisen, Connie & Keith
- 10/10 Lofthus, Jan & Bill
- 10/10 Moravick, Ron & Doris
- 10/14 Hylander, Don & Ferol
- 10/18 Eggers, Jan & Norm
- 10/20 Langton, Claude & Evonne
- 10/21 Anforth, Danielle & Aaron
- 10/23 Schroeder, Leonard & Marian
- 10/24 Lindsay, Skip & Russ
- 10/25 Kemper, Jeff & Cathy
- 10/25 Mattera, Lola & Joseph
- 10/27 Koch, Kathie & Charlie
- 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



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Mission Items

FOOD SHELF:

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



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Saturday Service
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Sunday Services

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

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Sunday Services

9:00am

For more information

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