



A Multi-Campus Ministry

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

IF YOU ARE BACK FROM YOUR SUMMER TRAVELS, please be sure to put a big "X" on your Welcome slip.



Be sure to update your Arizona address, phone number, and email address, especially if any have changed.

We've missed you and are glad to see you back worshipping with us!

WINTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

As more and more of our brothers and sisters in Christ return to Arizona for the winter months, it's time to expand the worship schedule. Beginning in November, the Winter Worship Schedule will go into effect:

East Mesa Campus

Saturday - 4:00 pm

Sunday - 7:30 am; 8:45 am; 10:00 am; 11:15 am

Sunday School - 10:00 am

Epiphany Campus

Sunday - 8:30 am & 10:15 am

Sunday School - 8:30 am

Gold Canyon Campus

Sunday - 8:00 am & 10:00 am

Sunday School - 9:00 am

Adult Forum - 9:00 am



YEAR-TO-DATE ATTENDANCE		
(thru 10.23)	2011	2010
East Mesa	41,570	44,558
Epiphany - AJ	9,289	9,071
Gold Canyon	8,502	6,106
Total	59,361	59,735

East Mesa Campus

CHURCH OFFICE

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John M Braaten

Intern Pastor

Eric Clapp

Administrative Manager

Jason Gahm

Secretaries

Phyllis Keith- EM

Jackie Kruse- AJ

Lorayne Thompson- EM

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Mission

Ron Nordin - 988-3810

Welcome

Keri Young - 313-2898

Worship

Bobbi Salzbrun - 983-8171

EM OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday

7:30 am - 4:00 pm

Friday

7:30 am - 12:00 Noon

AJ OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday

9:00 am - Noon

GC OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday

9:00 am - Noon



Dear Friends,

November is a month that begins with the celebration of All Saints Day, a time when we remember all those who have gone before us to be home with God. We especially remember those near and dear to us.

We end the month with our American Festival of Thanksgiving, celebrating how richly blessed we are as children of God.

Both of these festival occasions go hand in hand. We build on the foundation created by the saints. Our thanksgiving launches us into the future. At Our Savior's we have richly been blessed over these past 27 years together. We give thanks for all those who have built and shaped our ministry as we step boldly into the future.

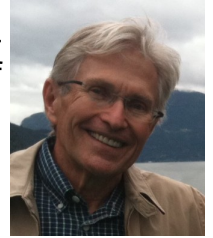
Mission is at the core of who we are and where we are going. You will continue to hear of many projects and opportunities for us to reach out. In terms of our strong sense of mission, I would like to lift up the youth of our congregation. This Sunday we have confirmed 7 young people. Next summer we have 9 youth and chaperons going to the National Youth Gathering, a faith inspiring event of the ELCA being held in New Orleans.

Perhaps, more than any other of the seven years I have been with you, I am sensing that we have a great group of young people, growing in all ages, along with a dedicated group of younger families who are involved with our ministry. As we boldly continue to move into our future as a vibrant Christian community, we want to uplift our younger generations in their walk of faith.

This is very central to our planning. Pastor Megan met with some of our younger families and presented a five year plan for youth and family ministry at our Council Planning retreat. It was heartily endorsed by all in attendance. At our February annual meeting your church council will present a five year plan for our ministry. It is so true that as we plan, we greatly enhance the possibility that we can continue to move boldly in mission.

At the beginning of his first Letter to the Corinthians, Paul begins "I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus." Yes, we give thanks for God's grace which leads the way. We give thanks to the many saints who have gone before us and who have enriched our lives. We give thanks for the many folk returning to the East Valley for the winter season who continue to enrich our life together as a congregation. We give thanks for all of our generations, especially our youth and young families, who give us great hope for the future of God's family.

Blessings to all of you as we move into the busiest and most exciting time of our church year!



Pastor Mark Halvorson



It sure has been a busy time of the year. Our Sunday School programs at each campus have been a huge success. We love seeing all the young children of God learning all about His message. I would like to thank each of you who dedicate your time and talents to this area. We are truly teaching our children the future of our church.

Faith and Family nights continue to be a great way to get to know our church families. Our next one will be held at Gold Canyon campus with fun games in store. Dinner is provided and goodwill offering is always welcome. Be on the look-out at each campus for sign-up

sheets.

Our Youth (7th-12th grade) program is flourishing. We have an average of 10 students every Sunday morning in attendance. The *To Save a Life* program they are watching and adapting day to day is amazing. I feel very special to be able to share in this special time we have together.

You will start to see our children incorporated into our Sunday mornings, be it singing, ushering or readings. Be sure to take a moment to thank those children. I know how special hearing from each of you makes them feel.

I am very thankful each and every day for the dedication our church has to our young children. May God continue to bless us all and grow in our hearts.



Jennifer Uphoff
Discipleship Chair



What's a Greeter?

Greeters welcome regular members and visitors with a smile, hug or handshake as they arrive in the doors. A church greeter is the first person people see when coming to church. They are the faces of our multi-campus ministry, which makes their job one of the most important jobs in the church! If you would be willing to share God's Love by welcoming people as they come into church, or would be willing to prayerfully consider it, please contact Keri Young at 480-313-2898 or kyoung217@gmail.com.

Every good Lutheran loves a good cup of coffee on Sunday mornings... however, we are in need of some volunteers to help serve. If you would be willing to help out with this very important ministry at Our Savior's, please contact Keri Young at 480-313-2898 or kyoung217@gmail.com.

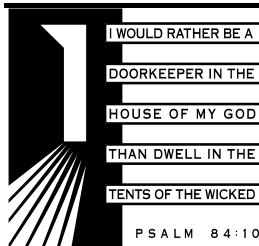
COFFEE FELLOWSHIP



Join us!

She would love to hear from you!

Want to attend the Phoenix Coyotes vs. Minnesota Wild Hockey Game with Our Savior's on December 10th? Contact Keri Young at 480-313-2898 or kyoung217@gmail.com for information on tickets!



DOORKEEPERS

Are you in need of transportation for doctor appointments, therapy appointments, or grocery shopping? The Doorkeepers will be happy to help you! **PLEASE** do not hesitate to call if you find yourself in need of this Ministry. We have volunteers available, ready and willing to serve.

However, we could use some more volunteers to help provide rides. Please call **Janet Will at 380-8700** or the church office at 984-5555 to make arrangements.



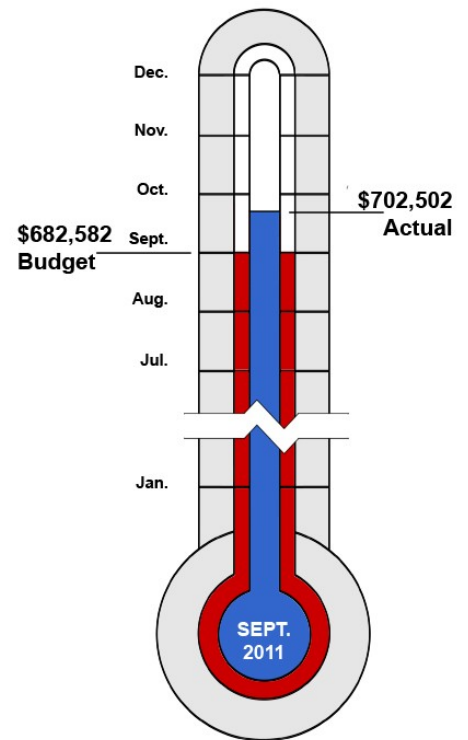
Adult Care Day

Our Caring Hands group has an **Adult Care Day** every **Thursday afternoon from 1-5pm in the EMC Toquam Room**. It is run by a group of caring volunteers and there is **no charge**. The purpose is respite for the Caregivers and also socialization and fun for the Care Receivers. The activities include games, such as dominoes, cards, puzzles, and bingo. These are alternated with periods of exercise, such as walking or tossing a ball around. Periods of prayer and discussion are included as well as singing familiar songs and, of course, there is time for refreshments and special goodies.

Care Receivers **DO NOT** need to be members of OSLC. In the life of a Caregiver, to be able to have just 4 hours to do with as they please, can make a world of difference. So if you know of someone who could use this once a week respite, please pass along this information. If you are interested in taking advantage of this or wish to volunteer for this ministry, please contact the church office or Pr Myron Nysether.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - meets on Wednesdays at 10:00am in the East Mesa Library. Our Grief Support Group is especially for those who have experienced the recent loss of a loved one and who are in need of the special support that a group can provide. If you have questions, contact **Marj Nordstrom at 380.5310** or Pastor Myron Nysether.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP This group provides spiritual and emotional support for anyone who has been diagnosed with cancer, is receiving treatment for cancer, or is recovering from cancer treatment. It is our goal to reach out to everyone who is living with cancer. The group meets weekly on **Fridays at 10:30am in the Administration Conference Room**. If you have any questions about the Cancer Support Group, contact **Roy Castle (983.4745)** or Pastor Myron Nysether.



2011 General Fund Contributions



We will be welcoming New Members and Associate Members into our church family soon! **New Member Orientation Barbeque** is Saturday, November 12th, @ 9:30 am at the Gold Canyon Campus. We will be receiving New Members in Worship Service on Nov 12th and 13th!

*If you are interested in becoming a Member or Associate Member, please indicate this on a Welcome Slip (colored paper in pew racks), contact the church office, or contact Pastor Myron.



Family Fellowship Night

Gold Canyon Campus

Please join us on Saturday, November 12th at 5:00 PM for Family Fellowship Dinner at the Gold Canyon Campus. We will be serving Chili and Cornbread for dinner. Game Night for all ages will follow dinner. RSVP at the sign-up sheets that are available at each campus.

OSLC YOUTH & FAMILY

Youth Group this year is doing an amazing program called "To Save a Life." The group will be meeting Sunday mornings at 10:00 am in the Toquam Room. Grades 7th-12th are welcome to attend. The program will discuss some of the issues from depression, suicide, drugs and alcohol, teen pregnancy, as well as many other issues our teens face from day to day. Our kids will learn how to reach out to others. They will learn to be the hands and feet of God and that it truly is more blessed to give than to receive. Please keep this group in your prayers as we work together in our ministry.

The following young people confirmed their faith on Sunday, October 30, 2011:

Garett Casterton
Lucas Kill
Austin Ryyth
Stormie Smith
Jordan Uphoff
Katie Weber
Bryan Young



Kedrik Gahm - 11/5

BIRTHDAYS
THIS MONTH

**YOUNG
ADULT
BIBLE
STUDY**

Living a better story: Discovering abundant life at the intersection of God's story and our story! Young Adult Bible Study lead by Pr. Megan @ Starbucks at Ellsworth and Baseline, 2043 S. Ellsworth Rd, Mesa from 7-8pm. The next meeting will be November 6 and we'll continue to meet every other Sunday evening. All young adults (age 19-30) are welcome!

Along with Scripture, we are reading Don Miller's A Million Miles in a Thousand Years as our guidebook. While reading the book will add a level of context, please feel free to join us even if you haven't read the book! See you there!



ALTAR GUILD

Now that Fall is here and we have our winter visitors returning and have some new memberships joining, we will be putting out the Time and Talent Sheets. We would so appreciate some new helpers in Altar Guild. I'm sure many of you have had some experience with this. Especially at East Mesa, we could use the help as some have had to give it up for various reasons and we find we are short of people. You do not have to be a member of the Altar Guild. We could use the help on Fridays before communion weekend to get the trays prepared, help between the services to make sure we have enough for the following services, and we always appreciate extra help during Advent and other Holiday times. Please give this some consideration and if you would like to help us, you may contact Dorothy Schmidt at 480-218-1936 or Bobbi Salzbrun at 480-983-8171. Thank you very much.

Bobbi Salzbrun- Worship Council Member

PRAYERS OVER MESA meets at 1:00 pm, Monday, November 14 @ Our Savior's Lutheran Church - East Mesa Campus. Join others to pray about matters concerning the City of Mesa and the surrounding area.

EPIPHANY-APACHE JUNCTION CAMPUS



WINTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE
Sunday Worship - 8:30 am & 10:15 am
Sunday School - 8:30 am
Bible Study - Tuesday - 10:00 am

Phone - 982-1569
Office Hours: M-F 9:00am - Noon

November 2011 Epiphany Campus News

November is upon us and many of our winter friends are returning and we are glad to see them worshipping with us once again. November means that we are returning to two (2) services on Sunday. Our 8:30 am service remains, with a 10:15 am service added. Coffee fellowship between services continues in the Friendship Hall as in the past. There is always an opportunity for you to serve the coffee & rolls (rolls provided); check the sign-up on the desk in the Narthex for your opportunity. *Thank you for serving!*

Repairs are being made to the restrooms in the Friendship Hall by one of our members (Bill Link). Please excuse the "dust" while repairs are being made. By the time you read this, it is possible the work has been completed. We thank Bill for his work on this project!

For those of you who are returning, we have an active regular Sunday School at 8:30 taught by Kim McCracken. Class time follows the children's message at 8:30. Please keep the program in your prayers and if you wish to help, see Kim at the coffee time.

OSLC hopes to be a major contributor of the "going green" effort by installing solar panels at all three campuses in the near future. Our campus is planned to have two sets of solar panels, one on the south side of the church (Superstition Blvd) and one on the west side of the Friendship Hall. Some planning and lease arrangements are still pending so look for more information as the time gets closer.

The Epiphany coordinating committee will meet this month and of course anyone is welcome to attend. Watch the bulletins for the specific time and date.

Our facility continues to be used by many groups such as AA, Weight Watchers, choirs, etc. Tuesdays at 10am, Pastor Braaten continues with his ever popular text study, followed by choir practice at 11am. Take advantage of the many opportunities to serve as you are able. Duane Anderson always welcomes fellows to come work with him around the facility during the week. We continue to be blessed through the work of Lutheran Social Services at our campus. They continue with their respite care, but have now added a brain injury trauma recovery program to their services. We are privileged to have them serve the community at our church campus.

Now is a great time to be an "Andrew" and invite your neighbors to come to church with you and perhaps a women's Bible study or text study. Check with Jackie in the church office for times and other questions. Either she or one of our great receptionists will be glad to help!

**** PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW ****

Stan Lehman – OSLC Council Representative

EPIPHANY WOMEN'S CIRCLE - will meet on **Thursday, November 10 at 9:00am** in the Friendship Hall. Any and all ladies are welcome to come and participate.



OUR SAVIOR'S QUILTERS— EPIPHANY-APACHE JUNCTION CAMPUS

meet **from 9-11am** the **1st & 3rd Thursday** in the **Friendship Hall**. If you can sew a seam, you can put together quilt tops. If you can tie a knot, you can help tie the quilts. It's a great time of fellowship, plus making something that will be given to someone who has little. If you have questions, contact **Carolyn Lewis at 288-9161**. We don't keep this a secret, so invite your neighbors and friends to help piece and tie quilts. What a great time of fellowship!

GOLD CANYON CAMPUS—

5301 S Kings Ranch Rd, Gold Canyon



WINTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday Worship - 8:00 am & 10:00 am

Adult Forum - 9:00 am

Sunday School - 9:00 am

Phone: 983-7774

Office Hours: M - F 9:00 am - Noon

To all women who attend Our Savior's - You are all members of the Women of the ELCA and are invited to attend any of the events or Bible Studies.

The ladies of the church are anxious for the year's activities to begin and the hope is to reach out to even more women to participate in this season's activities.

On November 4-6, we will be attending the Grand Canyon Women of the ELCA Convention in Tucson. Another great time of fellowship and sharing the Word is planned during this weekend.

The Our Savior's W-ELCA Executive Board met on October 25 to plan many of our activities for this coming season. The first General Board Meeting will be at 8:30 am on Tuesday, November 8, in the EMC Community Room. Following the meeting will be the Welcome Back Potluck Gathering at 10:30 am in that same room. Come get reacquainted with each other and welcome the newcomers.

Also in November, we have two of our major outreach and support activities. First is our Roaster Pan donations which support the Women's Holiday Dinners for Thanksgiving and Christmas. The pans will be at all three campuses on the weekends of November 12 & 13 (for Thanksgiving meals) and November 26 & 27 (for Christmas meals).

Before we know it, December will be upon us and that means our Annual Advent Breakfast, which will be Saturday, December 3rd at 9 am. The details for this event will be finalized at the November General Meeting.

Ginny Glass
W-ELCA President

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Grand Canyon Synod W-ELCA Convention - November 4-6
in Tucson, AZ

W-ELCA Board Meeting - November 8 @ 8:30 in the EM
Community Room (Welcome Back Potluck to follow)

Bible Study Leaders - Meet every first Wednesday of the
month @ 9:30am in the EM Admin Conf Room



CIRCLE MEETINGS

GC Bible Study Group - Wednesday, November 9 @ 9:00am at the GC Campus

Joy Circle - Monday, November 14 @ 10:30am at the Monte Vista Conference Room next to Library

Lydia Circle - Wednesday, November 16 @ 9:00am in the EM Community Room

Martha Circle - Thursday, November 10 @ 7:00pm in the EM Administration Conference Room

Mary Circle - Tuesday, November 8 @ 9:00am at Member's Homes

Naomi Circle - Tuesday, November 8 @ 1:30pm @ Member's Homes or EM Campus Library

Rebecca Circle - Tuesday, November 15 @ 9:30am in the EM Community Room

Ruth Circle - Tuesday, November 8 @ 1:00pm at Member's Homes

Trilogy Circle - Wednesday, November 16 @ 1:00pm @ Member's Homes

FOR THE RECORD

MEMBERS & ASSOC MEMBERS:

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS (80+)

Barbara Biberdorf	11/1
Joyce Hoffman	11/1
Lee Holtzen	11/1
Marge Bergstrom	11/2
Julie Christianson	11/2
Marcella Anderson	11/4
Eugene Bach	11/4
Allen Tabor	11/6
Orville Johnson	11/11
Marvin Roslansky	11/11
Marlys Gregory	11/13
Arlene Marquardt	11/13
Allen Simonson	11/13
Eugene Summers	11/13
Virgil Nelson	11/15
Tom Vind	11/15
James Lester	11/16
Helen Nelson	11/16

Audrey Grimm	11/18
Al Schmidhuber	11/18
Warren Burnam	11/20
Laurie Lawrence	11/20
Carol Nystedt	11/21
Ed Hoffman	11/24
Lou Burgesen	11/27
Lois Dockter	11/27
Milton Noyed	11/28

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS (90+)

Helen Sherman	11/12/21
DeLite Sharp	11/21/20

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES (50+)

Arden & Margaret Doering	11/6
Doris & Robert Wem	11/6
Bill & Joyce Doescher	11/8
Roger & Shirley Renstrom	11/12
Donald & Kathryn Tuffe	11/15
Adin & Marlene Kleven	11/17

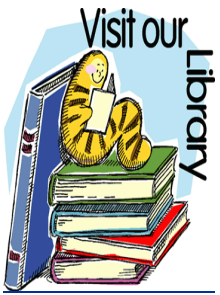
Ronald & Judith Muraida	11/19
Adrian & Marjorie Johnson	11/22
Ronald & Mary Lou Millam	11/23
Lee & Janette Holtzen	11/26
Lester & Diane Schmidt	11/27
Art & Florence Wheeler	11/29

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES (60+)

Dan & Pat Borchardt	11/3/51
Ervin & Gertrude Schumacher	11/3/46
Frank & Marlys Peterson	11/22/51
Robert & Betty Lindsay	11/23/46
Delmer & Carol Nystedt	11/27/48

DEATHS IN SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

Jeanne Colledge	9/28
Wally Walen	10/7
Roger Amosson	10/10
Harold Pochardt	10/18



CHECK OUT OUR EAST MESA LIBRARY FOR SOME GREAT READING MATERIAL

FICTION

- Jerusalem Vigin by Bodie & Brock Thoene
- Thunder From Jerusalem by Bodie & Brock Thoene
- Jerusalem's Heart by Bodie & Brock Thoene
- The Jerusalem Scrolls by Bodie & Brock Thoene
- Stones of Jerusalem by Bodie & Brock Thoene
- Jerusalem's Hope by Bodie & Brock Thoene
- The Book of Virtues by William J Bennett
- Night Light by Terri Blackstock

NON-FICTION

- God's Unfolding Purpose by Suzanne De Dietrich
- Jesus: A Gospel Portrait by Donald Senior

Tags for the Angel Tree will be available the weekend after Thanksgiving. This year, we would like to emphasize that you are not required to buy everything on the list. We recommend one article of clothing and one age-appropriate toy. If you want to do more, please take another tag. The problem is that there are sometimes more than 1 child in the family and when one child gets more than their brother or sister, their feelings can get hurt. Thank you.



Sons of Norway

Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner

December 3, 2011

1:00 - 4:00 pm

St. Peter Lutheran Church

1844 E Dana Ave

Mesa AZ 85204

Tickets available at the East Mesa

Campus office

Cost: \$17 / ticket

YOUR CHURCH COUNCIL AT WORK

OSLC COUNCIL MEETING, OCTOBER 22, 2011

Call To Order: Bob Keller

Present: Steve Reiland, Bobbi Salzbrun, Keri Young, Ginny Glass, Pastor Megan Clapp, Intern Eric Clapp, Bob Keller, Pastor Mark Halvorson, Carol Meshefski, Pastor Myron Nysether, Stan Lehman, Ron Nordin, Glen Mesker, Dave Anderson, Jennifer Uphoff, Pastor John Braaten, Jason Gahm, and Tracie Curtis.

Absent: John Malmberg

Devotions: Pastor Mark Halvorson

Approval of Minutes: September Council Meeting, 2011; **MSC to approve minutes of the last meeting with the correction of hockey event to be in December.**

Old Business:

1. Congregation approved solar project, October 9, 2011. Concord is working on obtaining leasing company.

New Business:

1 Executive Committee proposes that scheduled quarterly Coordinating Committee Meetings be held at Gold Canyon & Epiphany campuses to allow member input. **MSC to approve motion.**

TASK FORCES: Progress report from Columbarium Task Force. Prep work has begun with dedication being discussed for December.

1. Progress report from Space Utilization Task Force. More information to follow.

FINANCIAL REPORT/REVIEWS: John Malmberg -**MSC to approve financial reports as presented.**

REPORTS FROM PASTORS/INTERNS:

PASTOR MARK HALVORSON-Stands as written.

PASTOR MYRON NYSETER-stands as written; **Motion by Jen Uphoff, I move that the following Baptized Members of our Savior's Lutheran Church be approved for the Rite of Confirmation: Garrett Casteron, Lucas Kill, Austin Ryyth, Stormie Smith, Jordan Uphoff, Katie Weber, and Bryan Young. Seconded by Keri Young. Approved.**

PASTOR MEGAN CLAPP-needs banner carriers and readers for Reformation afternoon service.

INTERN PASTOR ERIC CLAPP-Internship going well.

LEADERSHIP REPORTS:

EPIPHANY-STAN LEHMAN-Approval was given to approve bid by church member to refresh the restrooms. Still waiting for the campus sign.

GOLD CANYON-GLEN MESKER-Warranty: Air conditioning operation needs attention.

MISSION-RON NORDIN- Walls being raised today for Habitat for Humanity.

WELCOME-KERI YOUNG- Upcoming Events: Oct 23rd EM Time and Talent Temple Talk, Oct 29th Day of Cowboy, Oct 30th GC Time and Talent Temple Talk, Nov 12th New Member Orientation, Nov 13th E-AJ Time and Talent Temple Talk, Nov 19th Fellowship Hike, Dec 10th Coyotes Hockey Game

VICE PRESIDENT-STEVE REILAND- Finance Committee activities related to General Fund shortfall, Reserve Fund Expenses and 2012 budget, Intern Committee assignment with Intern Eric, OSLC Space needs inventory and projections report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Meeting, November 15, 2011 7pm

November 15, 2011 Devotions-Jennifer Uphoff

Newsletter- November 2011 issue-Jennifer Uphoff; December 2011 issue-Tracie Curtis

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT 8:55am

FALL COUNCIL RETREAT 2011

Reassembled at 9:17am

WORKED ON FIVE-YEAR PLAN FOR OSLC. Details of this plan will be presented to congregation at the Annual Meeting.

Closing remarks and Prayer: Pastor Myron

Motion and adjournment 11:55am

Respectfully Submitted, Tracie Curtis, Secretary