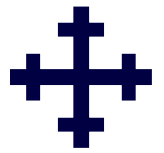


OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



Calling all kids!

Please join us for Sunday School Kick-off on
Sunday 9/11/11.

East Mesa Campus – 10:00 a.m.

Gold Canyon Campus – 9:00 a.m.

Epiphany Campus – 8:30 a.m.

**Can't wait to see you all
there!**

Parents of Sunday School children:

Please remember to register your child(ren) for
Sunday School.

Registration forms are available at each campus
and at www.oursaviorslutheran.org



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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



Hello from your new Pastor! I am so glad and excited to be in ministry with you all this year. Our Savior's is a congregation that is unlike any other that I've worked in before and I can't wait to learn from all of you. During my first two years of seminary I worked at University Lutheran Church of Hope in Minneapolis, MN, as the youth director. It was a medium-sized congregation situated just a few blocks from the University of Minnesota campus. I had a wonderful time as part of the staff and building relationships with the youth and their families. I spent my internship year at Central Lutheran in Everett, WA. Central is another medium-sized congregation just north of Seattle. It was a wonderful year of learning and growth. It was a place that truly affirmed my call to ministry. Now, here I am in a very large congregation in the middle of the desert! I am looking forward to growing even more in the opportunities and challenges that come with being in a different ministry setting. One of my favorite parts of ministry is hearing the stories of the people that make up the faith community. I look forward to learning your stories and sharing mine with you.

God's peace and love,
Megan Koepnick Clapp



As a new member of the Church Council, I am learning a lot about the workings of Our Saviors and the 3 campus ministry. I am impressed with the smooth functioning of this complicated and fairly new system. Communication, patience, and understanding are all necessary on a daily basis.

My responsibilities on the church Council are supervised by Pastor Myron under the category of "CARE". CARE is a large category overseeing the service areas within OSLC. Two of the services within CARE are the Cancer Support Group and the Grief Support Group. They each meet once a week and include people from all three of our campuses and also welcome non-members into the groups. Their supportive connections are available at such critical times and are invaluable. The Stephen Ministry Program is another service area under CARE and involves 18 trained people. Stephen Ministers spend about 6 months in weekly training provided by Pastor Myron, Jeanne Nysether, and Kay Rasmussen. After the training is completed each Stephen Minister is assigned an area to serve: 3 provide Telephone Ministry, 2 do Visitations, 3 are Group Facilitators, 6 have Care Receivers, and several more are available for assignment.

Two more ministries under the CARE category are Doorkeepers and Caring Hands/Hearts. Doorkeepers are volunteers who provide rides to people for medical appointments, shopping, or other necessary trips. A person (can be a non-member) needing this service can call and get in touch with the Coordinator to schedule a ride. Caring Hearts/Hands provides "Respite Care" for caregivers each Thursday afternoon. About 4-5 people with special or medical/physical needs gather in OSLC Mesa to play cards or games while their caregivers have a free afternoon.

The I-Help Program provides a night's lodging for 10-18 homeless women. Around 6-6:30 PM each Monday (except the 3rd one) the women arrive by van at our East Mesa Campus Community Room, spread out their cots and bedding, and are given an evening meal. They visit, watch a movie, and can look through donated clothing for items they may need. In the morning they clean up the Community Room, pack up their belongings, and leave with breakfast and a sack lunch. The lodging program and van for the homeless women is sponsored & coordinated by Lutheran Social Services. OSLC volunteers provide the meals, snacks, and clothing and generally oversee the I-Help Program in our East Mesa location. What a wonderful ministry!!

Additional ministries within CARE are the Pastoral Visitations and Home Communion, the Prayer Chain, the Prayer Shawl group, Devotionals and Literature, and CD Ministry. WOW!! This is an impressive array of services and ministry!! Thanks to all of you who are sharing your time, talents, and gifts to make these things happen. Blessings to you all.



Carol Meshefski



When a Member, Associate Member, or regular attendee of our congregation is in the hospital, we need to have someone call the church office or email us to let us know. Unfortunately, with the new Privacy Act, the Pastors can no longer check a list to see if any of our people are in the hospital or a care center. We would rather have five phone calls and a couple of emails than nothing at all. Please let us know. This is one of the most important parts of our ministry at OSLC.

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.



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.

NEW MEMBERS



WELCOME

Our next Reception of Members and Associate Members will be **November 12 & 13**. The New Member Orientation will be held on Saturday, November 12. If you are interested in becoming a Member or Associate Member, please indicate this on a Welcome Slip (colored paper located in the pew racks), contact the church office, or contact Pr Myron Nysether.



Confirmation Begins

Confirmation classes will be held each Wednesday evening at 6:30pm in the East Mesa Administrative Conference Room. We expect to have 4 Seventh Graders and 3 Eighth Graders. The classes will be taught by Pastor Myron Nysether and Intern Pastor Eric Clapp.

This year, our focus will be a Survey Course on the Old and New Testaments, which was written by Pr Myron when he was a Seminary student many years ago.

Confirmation Sunday

On Sunday, October 30, which is Reformation Sunday, the Rite of Confirmation will be held at the 10:00am Service at the East Mesa Campus. This year we expect 7 young adults to confirm their Faith. This event will be a very important one for the Confirmation students as well as the Congregation.

OSLC YOUTH & FAMILY



It is once again that busy time of year for us families who have children in school. The hustle of purchasing new clothing, shoes, school supplies, meet the teacher night, and of course, all the 'last minute' activities the kids can get in before that alarm clock rings Monday morning awaking them from their summer comas.

Along with this anticipation, we welcome back our Sunday School children and great team of leaders who have been busy getting things ready for an exciting year for us around the three campuses. A new Sunday School program will be brought to our Epiphany campus this year starting at 8:30 and directed by Kim McCracken. This is an awesome new adventure! We are fortunate again to have Louise Gahm as Director at Gold Canyon Campus with class starting at 9:00. And finally we have Amy Grosz Directing our East Mesa campus with classes starting at 10:00. Our returning teachers are: Kim McCracken, Darcie Younger, Cindy Reichert and Jane Weber. As always, if you would like to be part of the Sunday School team, please let one of the leaders or pastors know and we will be sure to get you involved.

Our Youth group will also be returning this year. The group is going to meet every other Friday night, Sunday mornings at 10:00, and will be doing service projects, group activities, mission trips, and much more. Many of the youth will also be doing service within our church: ushering, serving communion, and reading. We have a great group of kids, over 20! So we hope to see our group be strong and continue to grow and work positively within our community. A handful of these kids will also be attending Confirmation classes this fall, which we are thankful for this program.

Something new you may have heard of is our Faith and Family Dinner nights. These take place on the 2nd Saturday of the month at 6:00 pm and rotate between campuses. This is a 'church family dinner' and is hosted by the Discipleship area. So, all are welcome to attend. Dinner is provided and a free will donation is accepted. Please watch bulletins and each church campus for upcoming information on the dinners.

Kim Welch has accepted the opening for our Nursery Coordinator. The East Mesa Campus nursery will be open Sunday's during the 10:00 am service and other services as needed. She has an exciting year for all the little ones that will be joining her in the nursery. Be sure to let her know if you would like to help out at anytime.

Finally, I am eagerly anticipating the arrival of our new Intern and Pastor as I write this newsletter!! I am excited for the fresh new ideas the incoming Intern, Eric, will have to share with us within our Youth group as well as our new Pastor, Megan, will have mentoring and sharing her ideas with us within our Sunday School team. From the Discipleship area, we are always thrilled to have some new faces join us.

Blessings,

Jennifer

Faith and Family Dinners:

ALL are invited to attend! This is encouraged to be a church family dinner. The dinners are sponsored by Discipleship as a way to bring the young families together with the seasoned families of the church as well as tying together our multi-campus ministry.

The power of 3 flows within our church. The Council is encouraged to make decisions by "3's" and a very important book, The Shack, reminds us of how crucial the "Three" are. One is not more powerful than another. God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit respond to one another with graciousness. This is the best way to describe the foundation of the family dinners.

Please watch the bulletins and keep an eye out for upcoming dates.

Jennifer Uphoff

EPIPHANY-APACHE JUNCTION CAMPUS



WORSHIP SCHEDULE
Sunday - 8:30 am
Sunday School - 8:30 am
Bible Study - Tuesday
10:00 am
Phone - 982-1569
Office Hours: M-F 9:00am - Noon

With September close at hand, we look ahead to a time when our many friends begin returning to the valley of the sun and rejoining us in our worship and service opportunities. This summer has seen several activities involving all three campus locations and many folks have thoroughly enjoyed them. Of course Daniel and DC have left us after their internship and we wish the best for them as they continue their studies.

September 11 is an exciting date for OSLC family as we all begin our Sunday Schools and study opportunities. Epiphany campus will begin our Sunday school that day, with Kim McCracken taking the lead as our own teacher on a regular basis. It gives all of us an opportunity to promote this to friends, relatives and families each of us may have an opportunity to speak with. Adult education opportunities will continue as they have been in the past.

Our campus grounds and facility are in good shape, thanks to the overseeing of Duane Anderson. When you get an opportunity, be sure to thank him (and Betty) for his stewardship. You will notice two "enter" and "exit" signs in place at our entrances. Please try to get into the habit of entering at the east entrance and exit at the west entrance. This is especially important during high season. Our sign on Superstition Blvd is close to being modified to reflect our campus identity of Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

Of course our choir will be beginning again soon and our director Bob McDowell is anxious to begin practices and is always looking for new voices. Opportunities abound for participation in the life of the church through altar guild, acolytes, lectors, greeters, fellowship leaders, coffee servers and many other areas. Please consider giving of your time, which so enriches our worship and fellowship experience.

Each of us has the opportunity to promote our church in varied ways. Don't miss an opportunity to invite someone to church and remember we have bus service for those who might not otherwise be able to get out.

Stan Lehman – Council Representative



"Dear Our Savior's Lutheran Church,

"Many thanks for partnering with us in the 'Back to School' shoe drive for the children of Concordia Charter School. The Lord was very abundant and now 'all God's children got shoes!' We distributed the shoes this past Monday night at the orientation meeting and you should have seen the faces! Pure joy for all of us.

Communications

"We have some 'leftovers' we will use for the after school tutoring program, ASPIRE, which includes kids from Emerson Elementary. We will also take shoes up to the mission school on the Navajo Reservation.

"Thank you again for your loving and generous support of this program! May God continue to bless all of your efforts done in his holy name."

First Evangelical Lutheran Church

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Adult Forum - 8:00 am
Sunday Worship - 9:00 am
Sunday School - 9:00 am
Phone: 983-7774
Office Hours: M - F 9:00 am - Noon



Columbarium Update

It was announced earlier this year that the columbarium at our Gold Canyon Campus was complete. And it was... except that upon further review, it just wasn't exactly what we wanted. So a committee was commissioned and led by Pr Myron Nysether to revisit the project. Meetings were held, bids were procured, more meetings were held, and a decision was reached. We are contracting with a company that specializes in columbaria and memorials. As more progress is made, we will keep you informed with the latest updates.



CHECK OUT OUR EAST MESA LIBRARY FOR SOME GREAT READING MATERIAL

FICTION

WLT: A Radio Romance by Garrison Keillor

A McKaslin Homecoming by Jillian Hart

One Simple Act by Debbie Macomber

NON-FICTION

31 Days of Praise by Ruth Myers

Dakota: A Spiritual Geography by Kathleen Norris

Life Makeovers by Cheryl Richardson

Lighted Windows by Margaret Silf

The Secrets of Judas by James Robinson

Conversations with God by Neale Walsch

The Breast Cancer Prevention Diet by Dr Bob Arnot

Be A Man! by Fr Larry Richards

Mayo Clinic Guide to Self-Care by Thrivent for Lutherans

Voices of the Faithful by Beth Moore

Why Me, God? by Randy Peterson

The Negotiator by Dee Henderson

The Guardian by Dee Henderson

The Truth Seeker by Dee Henderson

The Protector by Dee Henderson

The Healer by Dee Henderson

The Rescuer by Dee Henderson

FOR THE RECORD

MEMBERS & ASSOC MEMBERS:

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS (80+)

Stan Hagberg	9/2
Carol Morrow	9/2
Wayne Christenson	9/5
LuVerne Ensley	9/5
Janis Fritz	9/5
Richard Myers	9/5
Waldo Johnson	9/6
William Damme	9/8
Florine Fischer	9/8
Bill Doescher	9/10
Verna Peterson	9/10
Gloria Garry	9/11
Betty Collyar	9/12
Roger Mickelson	9/12
David Anderson	9/14
Lyle Peterslie	9/14
Colleen Soderberg	9/14
HP Mikelson	9/15
Phyllis Bohn	9/16
James Moore	9/19
Mildred Powers	9/19
Shirley Bauer	9/21
Beverly Hasslinger	9/23
Barbara Kroehler	9/23
Alfred Madsen	9/23
Lyle Gorder	9/24
Aldine Grindy	9/24
Vern Paulson	9/24

Vercil Potts	9/24
Mary Pat Summers	9/25
Irene Sawatzky	9/26
Dale Groth	9/27
Lila Leatherwood	9/27
Phyllis Jacobson	9/28
Norm Dahlgren	9/29
Elaine James	9/29

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS (90+)

Henry Hieger	9/22/20
June Sandell	9/29/19

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES (50+)

Roberda & Charles Vaughn	9/1
Craig & Sharon Bucher	9/4
Warren & Adele Eidsness	9/4
Michael & Carolyn Gerkin	9/4
Vern & Jan Bloom	9/6
Dwane & Marlene Meyer	9/7
Bob & Carone Lyng	9/10
Dale & Donna Olson	9/10
Mel & Sylvia Anderson	9/11
Gary & Mary Ann Hagen	9/12
Dan & Sandra Mihalovic	9/13
Wayne & Bev Wolf	9/14
Norman & Mary Lundblom	9/16
Roger & Gail Johnson	9/17
Edward & Luanne Ahrendt	9/18
Richard & Audrey Jackson	9/18
Marvin & Clarine Schwede	9/18

Bob & Marcella Durbin	9/19
Charles & Jean Buerger	9/21
Buster & Toodie Iverson	9/21
Franklin & Emiley Keck	9/21
Lyle & Joan Gorder	9/22
Chet & Lois Aldridge	9/23
Roger & Diane Jorstad	9/23
Gordon & Mavis Klaudt	9/25
Manny & Mary Lou Oyen	9/25

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES (60+)

Donald & Donna Haugen	9/16/51
HP & Pat Mikelson	9/17/48
Robert & Jean Marquardt	9/23/50
Harold & Arlene Marquardt	9/29/51

DEATHS IN JULY

Jerry Monson	7/3
Orval Ostergaard	7/7
Jim Gahnz	7/24

BAPTISMS THIS SUMMER

Shay Patel	7/3
Zavannah Younger	8/7
Earl Gladney	8/27
Stephanie Gladney	8/27
Taziyah Gladney	8/27
Amari Gladney	8/27
Aiyanna Gladney	8/27
Lillie Holmes	8/28



Chancel Choir and Handbell Choir will begin rehearsals in September. The Chancel Choir will hold its first rehearsal on Wednesday, September 7 at 6:30pm. The Handbell Choir will hold its first rehearsal on Wednesday, September 8 at 6:30pm.

If you are interested in joining one of these two choirs, or both, please plan to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Dwight Walth at dwight.walth@cox.net.



PRAYERS OVER MESA meets at 1:00 pm, Monday, September 12 @ University Church of God. Join others to pray about matters concerning the City of Mesa and the surrounding area.

YOUR CHURCH COUNCIL AT WORK

OSLC COUNCIL MEETING, August 16, 2011

Call To Order: Bob Keller

Present: Bob Keller, Pastor Myron Nysether, Tracie Curtis, Pastor Mark Halvorson, Glen Mesker, Carol Meshefski, Bobbi Salzbrun, Jennifer Uphoff, Intern DC Carlson, Ron Nordin, Keith Hackney and Keri Young **Absent:** David Anderson, Stan Lehman, John Malmberg, Ginny Glass

Devotions: Carol Meshefski

Approval of Min: June Council Meeting, 2011. Corrections "Family Dinner will be at Epiphany" and "and another arranged for Gold Canyon" **MSC approved minutes of the last meeting with the corrections.**

OLD BUSINESS: Renewed Sign for Epiphany will be accomplished.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **MSC approved "OSLC Hiring Policy for Non-Pastoral Staff" as presented.**
2. Solar Panel installations application for all three campuses was placed on a waiting list with SRP.
3. Installation of Megan Clapp on September 25 at both EM morning services.
4. The version of Word council members use to receive minutes was discussed.

TASK FORCES: Columbarium Task Force: **MSC approved up to \$25,000 expenditure for the bid from Architarium with Concord Construction doing the prep work to accept their product and with Architarium doing the installation of their product.**

FINANCIAL REPORT/REVIEWS: John Malmberg: The Balance Sheet shows a positive \$14,865 as a General Fund bank balance, a significant improvement over last year's budget. **MSC approved financial report as presented.**

REPORTS FROM PASTORS:

PASTOR MYRON NYSETHER-Late Fourth Picnic Supper at EC:58. VBS-more than 80 involved. Confirmation- 4 attended Campfirmation with Intern Pastor DC. Confirmation will begin 9-14. WELCOME: 51 at Ice Cream Social at EC, 6-12. 110 attended Annual Progressive Supper 7-10. The next events are Pizza Party, 9-17 at EM Campus, Mercury Basketball 9-20 and the D'backs Faith & Family Night, 9-28.

INTERN PASTOR DANIEL DC CARLSON- Thanked OSLC for a wonderful internship year.

PASTOR MARK HALVORSON

1. This Sunday, 8-21, we say good-bye to DC Carlson. He has been a good addition to our staff and we have seen him grow with us. 2. The following Sunday, 8-28, we welcome Eric and Megan Clapp. Megan will be a first call Pastor and Eric will be an intern. 3. Special assignments this summer: a. Interview team for the Director of Stewardship Key Leader program for the ELCA. b. I met with PLTS about a vision for internship within seminary education. 4. Jason Gahm has upgraded all our computers to Microsoft Office 2010.

LEADERSHIP REPORTS

CARE-CAROL MESHEFSKI: Grief and Cancer meets weekly; Doorkeepers are available for transportation; Caring Hands & Hearts provide respite for 4-6 people; I-Help serves homeless women with a meal, a nights rest each Monday, breakfast and a sack lunch.

DISCIPLESHIP-JENNIFER UPHOFF: Sunday School starts 9-11: EM-10am; GC-9am: Louise Gahm; EC-8:30am: Kim McCracken. Confirmation-7 kids. Youth- meet every other Friday night starting 9-16, bowling at East Mesa Bowl. They also will be serving within the church: communion, ushering, reading. Areas for consideration / concern: Youth Leadership

EPIPHANY-STAN LEHMAN-Coordinating committee met with Jennifer and Kim to explain their plans for Sunday School program. New sign was presented by Pastor Mark. Parking lot/roof repairs and the new entrance/exit signs are done. Have watched services via the Internet and introduced it to many folks.

GOLD CANYON-GLEN MESKER-Safety issues in the outside courtyard have been mended with fencing. There is a warranty issue concerning one of the handrails. Saturday, 8-13 was a dinner movie night. Concerns: Should we be advertising our services in the local papers and other sources in the Gold Canyon area?

MISSION-RON NORDIN-LWR Kits complete and kids recognized with a pin that says God's Steward. Extra supplies went to Concordia Charter School. Concordia has taken over the Navajo Mission School also. Shoe drive for this year complete with 125 pair collected (5 more than last year), plus money not totaled. **GOALS:** Work closer with our Missionary Kevin Jacobson to identify a project. Prepare a Temple Talk with the introduction of our Missionary for September to be presented at each campus.

WELCOME-KERI YOUNG- Mercury Madness will be a youth event with 28 total tickets purchased. Welcome Committee will meet 8-20, to establish "campus-wide" events. Time and Talent sheets will be available 10/11. New Member Orientation will be 11-12.

WORSHIP-BOBBI SALZBRUN- Alter Guild leader needed.

VICE PRESIDENT-STEVE REILAND-Starting Space needs inventory and projections.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Council Meeting-September 20, 2011, 7pm; September Devotions: Steve Reiland; Newsletters-September 2011 issue-Carol Meshefski; October 2011 issue-Ron Nordin

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT: 8:09pm; **CLOSING PRAYER**

Respectfully submitted, Tracie Curtis, Secretary