

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

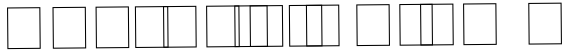
# ROADRUNNER

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The Tower of Hope  
The People of Love



## From Pastor Lars

As many of you know, I had the privilege of traveling to Seattle in November to do some continuing education. I chose Seattle for a couple reasons. First, it's the most unchurched city in America. Less than 10% of all people have *any faith involvement* at all. That includes new new age, wicca, asian religions, you name it - and Christianity. Secondly, this environment has produced some great creativity in churches, since the only way to really grow is through conversion of the unchurched.

My primary focus was to visit the Lutheran store-front church called Church of the Apostles ([www.apostleschurch.org](http://www.apostleschurch.org)), and attend a conference at the rapidly growing non-denominational Mars Hill Church ([www.marshillchurch.org](http://www.marshillchurch.org)). It started with 12 people in 1996, has grown to over 3000 in worship, and has planted 100 new churches!

While I have no intention of simply copying what's going on in Seattle, I think it's good to learn from those who have been successful. Arizona is now the fourth most unchurched state (after Washington, Oregon, and California), and rates of faith participation continue to decline. In the future, I anticipate that growth will depend less on Lutherans moving to town, and more on our ability to bring the unchurched to Jesus Christ. There's no one simple answer to how this is done, but there are some guideposts. Here's some things that churches growing in the post-modern world are:

- Relational – they provide healthy, meaningful community (not just casual socializing). They take care of each other, visit their sick, and meet regularly.
- Spiritual – their members are all involved in developing their personal relationships with Jesus Christ, regularly.
- Community-oriented – they're in touch with the people around them, their wants, needs, cares, and concerns, and are constantly seeking out new ways to serve and build relationships of caring.
- Culturally savvy – they have their pulse on the culture around them - the music, moods, feelings, norms.
- Authentic – post-modern people have very little tolerance for slick productions, marketing, and sales tactics. They want the truth, the reality, even if it's hard.
- Flexible – especially with worship. They offer many styles, and are constantly changing and adding as culture changes.
- Non-coercive – post-modern people fear religious coercion like the plague. Growing churches are aggressive about loving God and loving people, but not much else. It's more like walking with someone on a journey than making a sale.
- Excellence – do what you do well, even if that means that you do it simply. Sloppy organization, facilities and planning all are huge turn-offs. It says you don't really care.

It can be very easy to get caught up in the tactics of successful post-modern churches (also known as “emerging churches”). For example, Church of the Apostles plans to buy the now-closed Lutheran church building across the street and convert the upstairs into a multi-media concert hall/art center, and the basement into a coffee-shop/brew pub. They have coffee on during worship, and they sit on chairs *and couches*. This works for them, where they are. And it only works because the other things are in place.

Our Saviour's too is in a unique place, in the population center of the city, close to the University, right off Campbell-Speedway, with beautiful mission-style architecture. We have so many neat opportunities to really reach out into our community. And as Tucson becomes more and more unchurched, we will have to move towards conversion growth. Despite the challenge, we're in a good position.

This is where I put in my plug for the Emerging Worship services in Lent. The idea hit me as a way to do a trial run of a style of worship that is faithful to the Gospel, and yet makes sense to people who are of younger generations, unchurched, or just generally post-modern in their thinking. I encourage everyone to experience it first-hand. It's neither traditional nor contemporary. It's very much Lenten – emphasizing the personal encounter with God, confession of sins, and reflection. I think you'll enjoy it, and find yourself renewed.

God's Peace, Pastor Lars



### OSLC ANNUAL MEETING

February 13, 1:00pm

Sanctuary

Lunch will be served in the Activity Building at 12:30pm

### Lively Lutherans Outing at Tohono Chul Park

Monday, February 28

Meet at tea room by 11:00am

Cost \$15 per person = lunch

Park Entrance: members = free  
non-members = \$4.50  
seniors (62 and up) = \$3.50

PLEASE NOTE: Checks need to be made out to OSLC, **not to Tohono Chul.**

For more information call Karen Jonaitis at 825-6637

# Dear OSLC Family and Friends,

Celebrating Christmas and New Years left little time for me to consider my Lenten journey for 2005. A couple things occurred that led me to a program that will serve as the basis for my Lenten journey. While surfing the ELCA web site I fell upon the Ministerial Health and Wellness program. It has wonderful and useful suggestions that address health from a wholistic perspective. The web site referred me to the Seeds for the Parish July-August 2004 issue. The lead article is entitled **Congregation sows seeds of health and balance**. The August 2004 edition of the ELCA periodical, HealthQuest, discussed "Fitting in Fitness". At this point I was pretty sure of the direction of my Lenten journey.

With the season of Lent rapidly approaching Ash Wednesday falls on February 9th, have you decided how you and your family will keep a faithful Lent this year? If you're still pondering this question do you want to journey along with me during Lent? Not sure? Let me give you a little more information about the journey I'm getting ready to begin.

First some background information. Changing habits is tough! Changing habits that have been established over a life time is REALLY tough! Now, I'm not trying to imply all habits are bad, brushing your teeth and flossing twice a day is a habit that prevents tooth decay and that's good. Using your seat belt ever time you get in the car, praying and spending time reading the Bible, enjoying time with family and friends, enjoying whatever 'work' you are engaged in are all good habits. Oh, but what about some of those habits you

wish you could change; the every morning Starbuck's or the ice cream or the couch potato habit, or putting off prayer until bedtime and then falling asleep in the middle of your conversation with God? The people who have researched the concept of the 'habit' tell us it takes about 3 weeks or 21 days to establish a habit, both good and bad habits. In addition, researchers also tell us that it is much easier to change 'bad' habits into 'good' habits when there is accountability to another person. With all this in mind, what is my suggestion for keeping a faithful Lent? It's a journey that the entire family can embrace, a journey that will address the body, mind and soul. Want to come along?

The ELCA Wholeness Wheel is a picture of a process, a life journey. Completely surrounding the wheel is Spiritual Well-Being, and in the center of the wheel is 'a new creation in Christ, through baptism'. The pie shaped pieces of the wheel are; social/interpersonal well-being, emotional well-being, physical well-being, vocational well-being, intellectual well-being and spiritual well-being.

**Physical well-being** – Our healthy bodies are truly miraculous gifts from God. We have been given the responsibility to maximize our health by avoiding abusive behaviors and practicing healthy behaviors. When we meet this responsibility, we are best prepared to use our talents to serve God and to serve others in God's name. We are marvelously created by God. While we are not all born perfectly healthy and no one makes it through life without injury of illness, with tending and

nurturing we can live well even with disabilities, injuries or illness.

**Emotional well-being** – Being emotionally well means feeling the full range of emotions and expressing those emotions appropriately. Physical health problems can affect our emotions and emotional problems affect our physical health. We all need to examine our lives and emotional status on a regular basis. Are we living healthfully, in service to God, and fully enjoying all the gifts that God has given us?

**Social well-being** – God created us to be social persons and gave instructions to help and love each other. Whether we are introverted or extroverted, regular social contact and a healthy support system are essential for health.

**Intellectual well-being** – While we cannot be certain that we will never experience dementia or something similar, using our minds keeps them alert and active. Use it or lose it! Satisfy your curiosity, stretch your mind, make learning a lifelong goal. Remember our mind is a gift from God, but how we use it is under our control. We must invest in the health of our minds just as we invest in the health of our bodies and spirits.

**Vocational well-being** – Having a sense of purpose is important for a healthy life. Using the gifts that God has given us to serve Him by serving others in this world is an inspirational calling. We all want to feel we are using the gifts God has given us to make this world a better place. Seek opportunities to make a difference in the life of one person or many.

**Spiritual well-being** – Loving God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength impacts everything we do and everything we are. Nurturing our relationship with God through daily prayer or devotion is the first step towards spiritual health. Knowing God is always present and has given us the gift of grace through the death of Jesus Christ, allows us to stumble along the way and keeps us from getting lost.

In the past at the beginning of Lent we have been given the opportunity to write on a piece of paper something we want to accomplish during the Lenten season, seal it in an envelope and it is placed on the altar. This year there will be forms with suggestions for establishing some positive habits while on your Lenten journey. And since the 'experts' tell us having a buddy to encourage and support us leads to greater success, try getting your whole family involved in this Lenten journey. Oh, you say, you don't have a 'family' in Tucson. Sure you do, get together with some of your OSLC family members. Support and encourage one another. Or if you do have a family, perhaps you can 'adopt' an OSLC member who wants to journey with you this Lent. If the whole family's participating, perhaps you can all take turns saying grace before the evening meal, take turns reading some Bible verse before bed. If your child needs a youth Bible in order to participate, let the church office know and a Bible will be provide. Go for walks together, play games, count the number of vegetables and fruit you eat each day.

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Total your intake of water, have you reached the recommended 6-8oz. glasses per day?

This journey is not to see 'who can be the best', but for each of us to see if during our Lenten journey we have integrated some healthy habits into our life, and to continue the healthy habits as a way of life.

Each Sunday during Lent the Hugs & Health patio table will lift up one of the six pie pieces with some suggestions for positive habits. So come along, join me on my Lenten journey. I'm looking for a family to adopt me; be there to offer encouragement and support! Journeys are always more fun when we share them!

"This life, therefore, is not godliness but the process of becoming godly, not health but getting well, not being but becoming, not rest but exercise. We are not now what we shall be, but we are on the way. The process is not yet finished, but it is actively going on. This is not the goal but it is the right road." Martin Luther.

Blessings on your Lenten journey, wherever it may lead you.  
Nancy S Ames, RN, MSN



### Easter Food Baskets

Easter is just a Lenten season away. That means Easter Food Baskets – Lenten food collection begins the week of February 13th. February shopping – nonperishables: peanut butter and jelly, pancake syrup and mix, canned and packaged dry foods; also, dish soap and children's Easter story or coloring books. Our goal is to deliver 50 - 75 food baskets. We need EVERYONE'S help! THANK YOU!

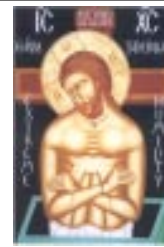
**MENTORS!** Each year our Jr. High Faith Development participants are able to pick any adult (over 25 years old) in our congregation to be their mentor during Lent. The pairs spend 6 weeks getting acquainted and having fun. This leaves each youth with an adult friend that they can turn to whenever things get tough or they just need a friend. The whole experience begins with a Mentor Orientation either on Wednesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6:45-7:45pm or on Sunday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 10:10am. There's also a Mentor Hunt on Friday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Another important meeting is Mentor Closure, which takes place on either Wednesday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 6:45-7:45pm or Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10:10am. If you have any questions or need help finding a mentor, talk to any staff member for help.



### Tirosh

A Spiritual Retreat for Youth 15–20 years of age.  
February 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>

This retreat will be held at Tanque Verde Lutheran Church in Tucson, during the Rodeo so no school will be missed. For more information, applications and or a brochure call: Laura Peterson 579-5720 or Andrea Wilson 546-1535



## Emerging Worship

Wednesdays 6:30pm (during Lent) Koch chapel

- Emerging worship is:
- Spiritual
- Freeing
- Open for personal exploration
- Encounter with holiness
- Prayerful
- Musical
- Ecclectic
- Very old and very new
- Reflective
- Real
- Interactive
- Engaging the whole self
- Creative
- For all ages
- For believers, doubters, seekers, and explorers

Emerging worship is a chance to encounter God in new and creative ways, to be a part of a worshipping community, to be free to pray as the spirit moves you, to experience God in new and profound ways, to explore your own spirituality, to praise the Lord with a song, to be real with your feelings and your pains with God and others. Emerging worship is for anyone who wants to come together and deepen their spiritual life with others, to enter the journey of faith, to walk with Jesus. If you would like to know more, just see Pastor Lars.



**Shop the OSLC Rummage Sale  
Saturday, February 12**



**7 am to 2 pm**

Get up early on Saturday morning, February 12 and shop the gigantic rummage sale sponsored by our youth! Furniture, appliances, toys, clothing, kitchen items and much more! Proceeds will help send twelve OSLC youth and adults to workcamp this summer. You can also help by donating items to be sold. If you need large items picked up or have any questions call Kris Wedemeier at 327-6521.

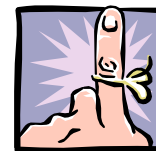
**Youth Choirs**



As you may have heard, Darlene Espinosa has returned as director of OSLC's Youth Choirs. Both choirs made their debut at the Thanksgiving Eve service and were part of the very successful Our Saviour's Musical Family Christmas on December 12th. In 2005, the choirs plan to sing at several services as well as do a musical drama in early May. All interested youth between the ages of 7 and 17 are invited to meet at Koch Chapel on Thursday evenings at 7pm to join in. For more info, call Darlene at 529-8482.

**Team of Teams Meeting  
Saturday, March 5 at 1 pm  
Norris House**

Mark your calendar now!



**Lutheran Social Ministry  
Presents  
a Valentine's Couple Care!**



Are you in pursuit of the perfect Valentine's Day gift for your fiancé or spouse? Give the gift of quality time to the one you love by attending Couple Care. This event is designed for all couples, whether preparing for marriage or celebrating their 50th anniversary. You will work together as a couple discovering the strengths in your relationship and developing skills that enhance communication, understanding, and intimacy. Couple Care is offered at New Spirit Lutheran Church on February 3rd, 4th, and 5th. The cost of the workshop is \$110, which covers all materials, snacks, and a continental breakfast and lunch on Saturday. If needed scholarships are available. For further information, contact Holly Brown-Sisson at 748-2300, ext. 21.

**Sunday Acolyte and Greeter  
Schedules for February**

**Acolytes**

- 2/6 8:45: Clarice and Melissa Bales, James Joseph  
11:15: Rose Blank, Ryan Harper
- 2/13 8:45: Briana Elias, Paulina Joseph, Courtlin Riley, Daniel Whitfield  
11:15: Maddy Blank, Shawn Thiel
- 2/20 8:45: Christopher and Veronica Garcia, Kaela and Jon Wedemeier  
11:15: Emily Clymer, Chloe Harper
- 2/27 8:45: Micaela Durham, Ryan Harper, Anna Ochoa, Kimberlye Riley  
11:15: Kailey Anderson, Christopher Whitfield

**Greeters**

- 2/6 8:45: Janet Doughty, Elaine and David Ludwig  
11:15: Ethelyn Fennell, Chandra Roberts
- 2/13 8:45: Doris Jensen, Pat and DeMar Sather  
11:15: Emily and Patty Clymer, Laretta Olson, Kailey Anderson
- 2/20 8:45: Janet Doughty, Susan and Bill Grana  
11:15: June Raymond, Gladys Shriver, Barbie & Bob Sam
- 2/27 8:45: Janet Doughty, Dolores Larson, Audrey Sander  
11:15: Tara, Dave, Chloe and Carl Harper, Janet Kehm

**Quilt-a-thon**

February 8, 9 am - 12 pm, Patio Room

We can use all sewers/quilters. We will match your skills to the jobs at hand or will teach you how to do it! Join the fun and service. The last group of quilts were delivered to the tsunami area. For more information call Mary Lou Barker at 299 - 5882.

**First ever, Scrapbooking-Stamping-  
Craft-Making Day**

Saturday, March 5  
10:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Koch Chapel



bring your own lunch  
*childcare not provided*

Questions?  
Call Kristie Hammar 575-0925

**Wednesday  
Knit-In Dates**

February 2, 1:30pm

February 16, 9:30am at  
Virginia Hecht Residence

For directions call  
327-2109 (Hecht's)

Winter visitors welcome!

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**Serve the LORD with Gladness!**  
**Psalms 100:2**

The Whitfields - They Know Their Gifts and They Know How to Use Them

There are some families in this congregation that are involved in many areas as they share their time and talents. The Whitfields, - Barbara (Anderson), Kerr, Daniel and Christopher, are one example of active families participating in many of the ministries here at OSLC.

Kerr, a biochemistry researcher at University of Arizona College of Medicine, was on the call team during the intensive call process bringing Pastor Lars to our church. For many years he has sung in the chancel choir and is occasionally a tenor soloist. He is a photography buff, taking and sharing pictures at church happenings, and even takes a turn driving the church van on Sunday mornings as needed.

Kerr has spoken at several forums dealing with applications of modern molecular biology to medicine and forensics. He was also a youth leader for the Up Close and Personal, youth retreat led by Nancy Armes and Kris Wedemeier this past October.

Barbara, whose background is in a marketing and communications, has most recently been involved with the AIM team, getting the word out about our church, and overseeing the publication and circulation of the church brochure available in the church pew racks. She has volunteered her time with Habitat for Humanity in the same capacity.

Christopher, 14, is a freshman, and Daniel, 16, is a sophomore, at Canyon Del Oro High School. They are acolytes and active youths in the senior high youth group here. Christopher also lectures with his dad, and both Daniel and Christopher participate in many of the fundraisers necessary to fund youth retreats and summer work camp.

Both Barbara and Kerr help with youth fundraisers, with Barbara co-leading parking lot fundraisers during U of A home football and basketball games, and kitchen duty in the Trunk or Treat Chili Feed.

OSLC thanks Barbara, Kerr, Daniel and Christopher for sharing all of your gifts!



**Via De Cristo**  
 (an adult spiritual retreat)

Via De Cristo has scheduled a time in March, Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm in Koch Chapel for those who would like to hear about this retreat. It will last approximately 1 ½ hours. You'll have the opportunity to ask questions and learn more about the retreat from those at Our Saviour's who have already gone through the a weekend.

For more information contact:  
 Our Saviour's parish representative,  
 Andrea Wilson 546-1535



**World Day of Prayer**  
**"Let Our Light Shine"**  
 March 4th

This celebration by people around the world from rising sun to setting sun unites us as one people of God.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church  
 750 W. Chapala Dr. - 9:30 am

Armory Park Apartments  
 210 S. 5th Ave. - 10:30 am

Our Lady of the Valley Parish  
 505 N. La Canada Dr., Green Valley  
 10:00 am

*Note: More sites will be announced in the February bulletins.*

**Birthday Party of CWU**



Monday, February 14th  
 Northminster Presbyterian Church  
 (Tucson Blvd./Ft. Lowell)  
 Refreshments 9:30 am/Program 10:00 am

Come and celebrate our leaders and the 63rd birthday of CWU. Learn about this ecumenical organization of women who wanted to serve God, cared about peace and justice for people they would never personally know. We will honor women who have served in CWU, sing hymns of praise to God, learn more about Fellowship of the Least Coin, laugh at a skit, and finish with a birthday cake.

**Thrivent Financial for Lutheran members:**

Thrivent is providing two grants to Lutheran World Relief (LWR) to help support LWR's "Wave of Giving" campaign in response to the tsunami disaster. First, Thrivent is providing an immediate \$1 million grant to LWR. Second, Thrivent will match dollar for dollar up to \$2 million, individual gifts from Thrivent Financial members to LWR. With member gifts, these two grants will total \$5 million in Thrivent Financial assistance. If you are a Thrivent member and would like to give through Thrivent, forms are available in the church office that need to be completed and mailed to Lutheran World Relief.

 **Early Sunday Morning**

**Early Bird Bible Class 7:30 am** (Duane Schrock)

**AB11**

Continued study of Saint John

**Sunday Morning Classes**

Sunday Forum 10:10am Koch Chapel

**February 6: “Navajos and Lutherans Walk With God!”** Pastor Floyd Hart, Executive Director of the Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission at Rock Point, Arizona will be the speaker, along with Tara Arnold, a Navajo young adult.

**February 13: “What Is So Special About Grace?”** Jerry Kindall, former University of Arizona baseball coach and winner of three national championships during his 24 year career at the UA, is a highly respected Christian. He will speak on God’s gift of grace, based on Ephesians 2:4-10.

**February 20: China Trip** - Pastor Jim and other participants from the trip.

**February 27: Community Outreach** - Pastor Duane

**Weekday Classes**

**Tuesday - Men’s Bible Study 7:00 am** (Chuck Jonaitis)

**Patio Room**

Chuck leads this study of scripture texts for the following Sunday.

**Friday Morning Bible Study 9:30 am** (Florence Howe & Carol Hungerford) **Patio Room**

We continue our study in the Old Testament beginning with the Book of Samuel.

Bring your Bibles and come join us. Everyone is welcome.

**Wednesday Night Options Classes**

February 2, 16, 23 (No classes on Feb 9, Ash Wednesday)

Classes Meet From 7:00–7:30 pm Nursery available 6:30-7:30 pm

Dinner is at 6:00 pm. Enjoy a home-cooked meal before going to classes.

Free-will offerings are always appreciated!

**Faith Development Classes**

(NOTE: Children are encouraged to attend worship with their families at 6:30pm. They will leave at 7pm for their classes.)

**(Grades 3 -5) God Stories**

**AB3**

Not all heroes and heroines are in the Bible. There are many ordinary people, some in this church, who have interesting God stories. Come and learn that faith is real, and is an important part of everyday life.

**(Grades 6-8) Finding God in Today’s New Rich Saphir,**

**AB 11**

Students will discuss current events and discover God’s presence in everyday events.

**(Grades 6-8) Heaven Help Us!** (Kris Wedemeier)

**AB10**

Do you understand why bad things happen? Is this part of God’s plan? WHAT’S UP WITH OUR WORLD?

**Little League** (Rm 2) **Middle League** (Rm 9) **Junior League** (Rm 6) **Senior League** (Y)

**Adult Classes**

(NOTE: Classes will not be offered during Lent, so that adults may attend the Lenten worship.)

## Cornerstone



### Community of Young Adults

(for all students and 20 -somethings)  
Sundays at 10:10am in Norris House -  
Breakfast, Bible study, fellowship

Feb 2-5 Emerging Church Conference in  
San Diego

Feb 12 Community Church of Joy, leave  
OSLC at 2:30pm

Feb 16 Emerging Worship- Koch (running  
Wednesdays during Lent) 6:30pm

Mar 30 Purpose-Driven Life study - Norris  
(running Wednesdays through May 4)

May 8 End of spring semester BBQ

Any questions? Contact either Pastor Lars  
(lhammar@oslc.psemail.com)  
or  
Nicole McDonald (ncm@u.arizona.edu)



### Endowment Committee Shedule

The Endowment Committee meets on the  
third Wednesday of the following months:  
February, May, August, and November. For  
a grant to be considered, the application  
must be received by the first of that meeting  
month. Applications can be picked up in the  
OSLC office. Next meeting Feb 16!

## Women of the ELCA February Circle Schedule



**God's Pals** - every Friday morning, 10am  
Activity Building

Bible Study -1st Friday of every month, Y

**Lydia** - Feb 1 1 pm Youth Center (Y)

**Hannah** - Feb 8 1 pm Patio Room

**Naomi** - Feb 9 9 am member's home

**Rebecca** - Feb 9 1 pm Patio Room

**Circle of Friends** - Feb 27 7 pm Y

If you have not joined a circle but would  
like to, or for more information, please call the  
circle leaders or Diane Kjos, our W/ELCA  
coordinator, at 622-3168.

**Lutheran Woman Today**  
Subscribe to the magazine by calling  
1-800-328-4648

### Women's Day Apart

February 19th  
8:30am to 1:30pm  
Activity Building



**Sunday Announcement Insert:**  
Monday 5pm prior to Sunday  
**Roadrunner:** The 10<sup>th</sup> of the month  
prior (i.e submit Feb. 10 for Mar.)

Email to Lisa Larivee at:  
llarivee@oslc.psemail.com

## World Hunger/Global Missions



Mission Festival Coming  
Sunday, Feb 6<sup>th</sup>!

We have the privilege of hearing from  
Pastor Floyd Hart, Executive Director of the  
Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission at  
Rock Point, Arizona. Pastor Hart will speak  
at the Adult Forum, and following the 11:15  
service, he will be the featured speaker at the  
festival lunch.

The title of Pastor Hart's Adult Forum  
talk is "Navajos and Lutherans Walk With  
God!" Coming with Pastor Hart will be Tara  
Arnold, a Navajo young adult. She will be  
giving the kid talk and a temple talk before  
each service. Her mother, Bessie Arnold,  
a Navajo school teacher, will have an  
information booth about the Navajo Mission.

The Mission at Rock Point is 50 years  
old, and Pastor Hart will tell us about the  
many programs, including the Mission  
School, the Lutheran Hogan Project, giving  
school supplies to Navajo children, the  
school sponsorship program, and the interac-  
tion with Lutherans of other denominations.

An offering will be received to help the  
Mission with programs. Put February 6<sup>th</sup>  
on your calendar to come and hear about the  
many challenges that the Rock Point Mission  
faces, and meet Pastor Hart and his guests.



Habitat for Humanity Tucson

### Build A House

Supporting Habitat for Humanity is a  
continuing ministry of OSLC. Offerings  
to OSLC that are designated for Habitat  
are encouraged and will be accumulated  
separately and forwarded. If you have  
an idea for a fund-raiser, please feel free  
to ask for assistance in planning, getting  
approval and/or conducting it. (All  
fund-raisers at OSLC must receive prior  
approval from the church council.)

### Construction Info Line

To find out when and where you are  
needed to help with construction  
Tuesdays through Saturdays, call  
Habitat at 566-1217 after 5:00 p.m.  
for a recorded message the evening  
before you want to work. Other types  
of volunteers are also needed, such as  
for office work. For more information,  
call Habitat at 326-1217.

*-Submitted by Jim Stevenson,  
321-9534*



Need A Ride?

We have a team of friendly,  
safe and reliable church van  
drivers to bring you to church  
if you live within a five mile  
radius of OSLC. Call Kathy Oksol if you  
or someone you know needs a ride.

## SCRIP

Thanks again to all the folks who purchased Scrip certificates and gift cards for holiday giving. The SCRIP dollars you spend support Lutheran Social Ministry of the Southwest (LSMS) Tucson Partners in Caring which includes F.I.R.S.T., F.I.R.S.T. Friends, Life Counseling Network, Employment Assistance and Emergency Assistance. We need your help as the new year begins.



Purchase a gift card or gift certificate at face value. That is, you pay \$10.00 for a \$10.00 card. Perhaps the card you purchased is for Boston Market. Boston Market gives LSMS a 12% rebate. Rebates vary by vendor, but each purchase helps.

Participants in this program include many restaurants, five different gas stations, Basha's and Fry's, retail stores, including JC Penney and Lands End, Footlocker, Home Depot, Old Navy, Crate & Barrel, bookstores and other retailers such as Best Buy. For a complete listing of participants, pick one up from Donna Powers on the patio or CHECK OUT OUR OSLC WEBSITE: [www.oslctucson.org](http://www.oslctucson.org).

Donna is at the SCRIP table in the northeast corner of the patio most Sundays. See her for an order form, or perhaps to purchase certificates/cards on hand. You can purchase SCRIP with check, cash or credit card.

Thank you for supporting Lutheran Social Ministry of the Southwest



## Thank You

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you on behalf of the all the women and children we were able to help this past year! Your generosity and support is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,  
New Beginnings for Women & Children

I wish to thank the pastors and my church family for all the prayers and cards while I was in the hospital. Your prayers helped so much.

God Bless,  
Nadine Allen

On behalf of Habitat for Humanity Tucson I would like to thank Jim Stevenson and Our Saviours Lutheran Church for their generous gift of \$5,875.12. All of us at Habitat Tucson are very grateful to Our Saviours Lutheran Church for their continued enthusiasm and generous support.

Sincerely,  
Michael McDonald, Executive Dir.

"There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under heaven"

*Ecclesiastes 3:1*



## Sympathy

Thank you for your gift of \$200 to the Primavera Foundation for the John Heidel III Memorial Fund. Your support helps us as we continue to provide help to many homeless in our community.

With warm wishes,  
Peggy Hutchison, Executive Dir.

Our sympathy is extended to Marge and Norton Johnson on the recent death of Marge's father, Frank Youngwerth. Frank died in Florida recently. A memorial service was held in Koch Chapel on Saturday, January 8, 2005 with Pastor Marilyn officiating.

Our sympathy is extended to Crystal Morris and her family on the recent death of her brother Jon Epland who died Sunday Jan 2, 2005.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Damian and Katie Barron on the birth of their son, Jackson Edward Barron. Jackson was born in Tucson on December 24, 2004.

Congratulations to Levi Khan and Josephine Dennis on the birth of their son born on Tuesday, January 4, 2005.

# Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

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## Our Sunday Services

7:45 am Koch Chapel

8:45 am Sanctuary

11:15 am Sanctuary

10:10 am Education

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## Our Mission Statement

In the Spirit of Jesus  
we will share our gifts  
with our community  
and world and invite  
all to join us on the  
journey of faith.



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