**Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church & Academy**

*In the faith of Christ, we seek to invite all to live in GRACE*

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# August 20th, 2023

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**G**enerosity- blessing as we have been blessed.
**R**eaching Out- caring within community.
**A**dvocacy- doing God's work with our voice.
**C**ompassion- loving as Jesus loved.
**E**ncouragement- supporting one another.

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## WEEKLY DEVOTION FROM PASTOR DAVID

### My God! My God! Why have you forsaken me?

Jesus cried out from the cross with those words.

There are many laments, many stories of people crying out to God.

The Israelites crying out in Egypt is a well known one.

In fact, laments are the most common style in the psalms.

Oppression, long standing illness, suffering of all sorts- all caused people to cry out to God.

Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

Wait, what!? How did we get here!?

Well, read Psalm 22. All the way through.

Then continue into Psalm 23 which immediately follows.

Now read the Gospel for this Sunday (Matthew 15: 21-28).

What does it mean to have the faith of the Canaanite woman?

One who didn't grow up with an understanding of God like the Jews?

Without any connection to that God at all?

What might it mean for you, and all of those who cry out for peace,

love, mercy, restoration, justice?

What does it mean to have a God whose mercy extends to all?

How might we ambassadors of that grace?

### Summer Choir Performances

**Women's Summer chorus:**
Performance 8/20 - both services

**Men's Summer chorus:**
Performance 8/27 - both services

## WEDNESDAY , AUGUST 23RD ~ CHOIR REHEARSAL RETURNS!

7:00 p.m. in the Choir Room. Everyone invited to join!

Welcome to
OPEN
HOUSE

## BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE IS SUNDAY AUGUST 20TH, 9-10 A.M.

Come see the remodeled North building and what the academy has been up to and what they have planned for the school year. Let's show our support for the Academy Team and their students!

## MIDWEEK WORSHIP RETURNS WEDNESDAY AUGUST 23RD, 6:15 P.M.

Come enjoy a midweek worship service that blends the music, prayer and time of reflection found in Iona and Taize' services.

## *HELPING WITH WORSHIP TRAININGS BEGIN SUNDAY, AUGUST 20TH, 9:10 A.M.*

Worship is about a gathering of the people in the name of God. It is meant to be a community event with different people bringing their gifts for the enrichment of the whole body.
We need you! Assisting ministers, communion assistants, readers! Oh my!
If you have been doing it, or been meaning to check it out, come to one of the trainings!
Dates are:
***August 20th between services- Assisting Ministers***

***August 27th after both services- Readers***

***September 17th after both services- Communion Assistants***

## THERE WILL BE NO PINT WITH THE PASTOR ON TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 5TH.

**HOWEVER,** mark your calendar to join Pastor David ***Tuesday, September 19th*** at 7pm at Catalina Brewing on Camino Martin Rd, just off of Ina heading towards the highway. Pastor David guides discussions about current events and other topics of common interest. Each time together ends with an opportunity to ask your questions.

Community Connections
Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

***One of the Ministries of Community Connections is the Grace Center.*** It was set up to help families in immediate need after displacement from fire or other disaster, but we are utilizing it frequently for those who come seeking basic needs. Some of the items we need to replenish are:

shampoo
combs
body lotion
sunscreen
travel sized Q-tips
lip balm (a big need for those out in the elements)
travel sized laundry soap
dog food

## HOW DOES YOUR LOOSE CHANGE HELP WITH *A CUP OF COLD WATER*?

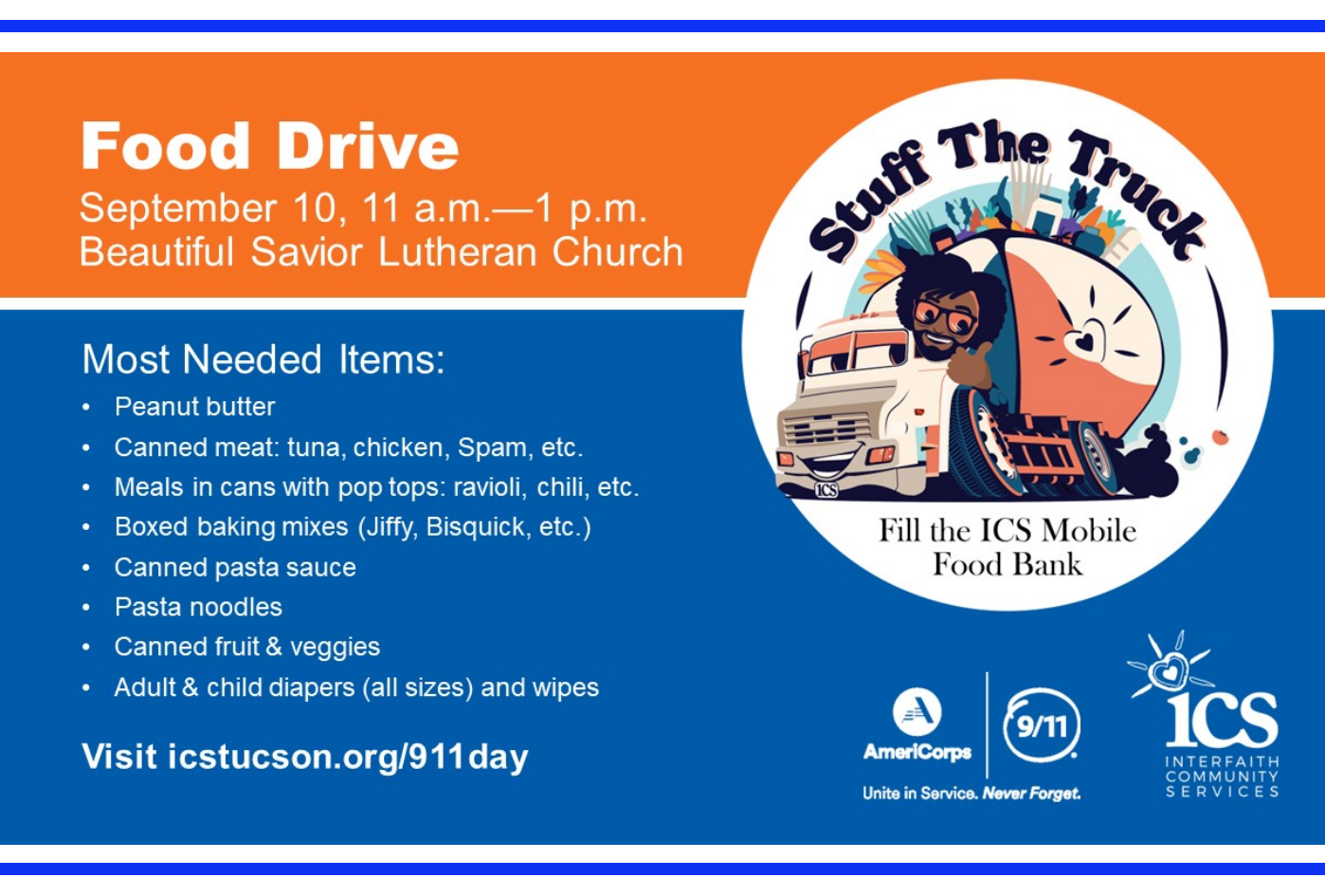
***Due to the increase in visitors*** seeking help and comfort, we realize that we need to approach this in a way that is more organized and intentional, inviting others to be involved and take the burden off of the office staff, while still being accessible to those who are seeking help.
Safety is also a factor.
We opened Werner Hall from 10-1, on Thursday, and had volunteers present to hand out cold water, offer prayers, manna bags and clothing or hygiene items from the Grace Center when requested.
If you are able to volunteer, even once, please consider doing so. We are also asking people to pray, so if you cannot come on Thursdays but can pray for our visitors and the volunteers, please let us know! You may call or email the office with questions or to have your name and dates available put on the volunteer list.
520-744-2665; office@beautifulsavior.net

We are looking for a couple of volunteers to do a high level audit of the 2022 financial books. Accounting background would be helpful. A very detailed audit was done of the 2021 books, so looking for a less in depth audit for 2022. Please contact the church office or Tim Duggan if interested.

God's work.
Our hands.

## GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS DAY IS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH

This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.
Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's grace.



**Food Drive**
September 10, 11 a.m.—1 p.m.
Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

Most Needed Items:
- Peanut butter
- Canned meat: tuna, chicken, Spam, etc.
- Meals in cans with pop tops: ravioli, chili, etc.
- Boxed baking mixes (Jiffy, Bisquick, etc.)
- Canned pasta sauce
- Pasta noodles
- Canned fruit & veggies
- Adult & child diapers (all sizes) and wipes

**Visit icstucson.org/911day**

Stuff The Truck
Fill the ICS Mobile Food Bank
AmeriCorps
9/11
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ICS
INTERFAITH COMMUNITY SERVICES

## A NOTE FROM INTERFAITH COMMUNITY SERVICES (ICS) TO OUR CONGREGATION

Dear Pastor Pavesic,

Thank you very much for your generous in-kind donation to the Interfaith Community Services (ICS) Food Banks.

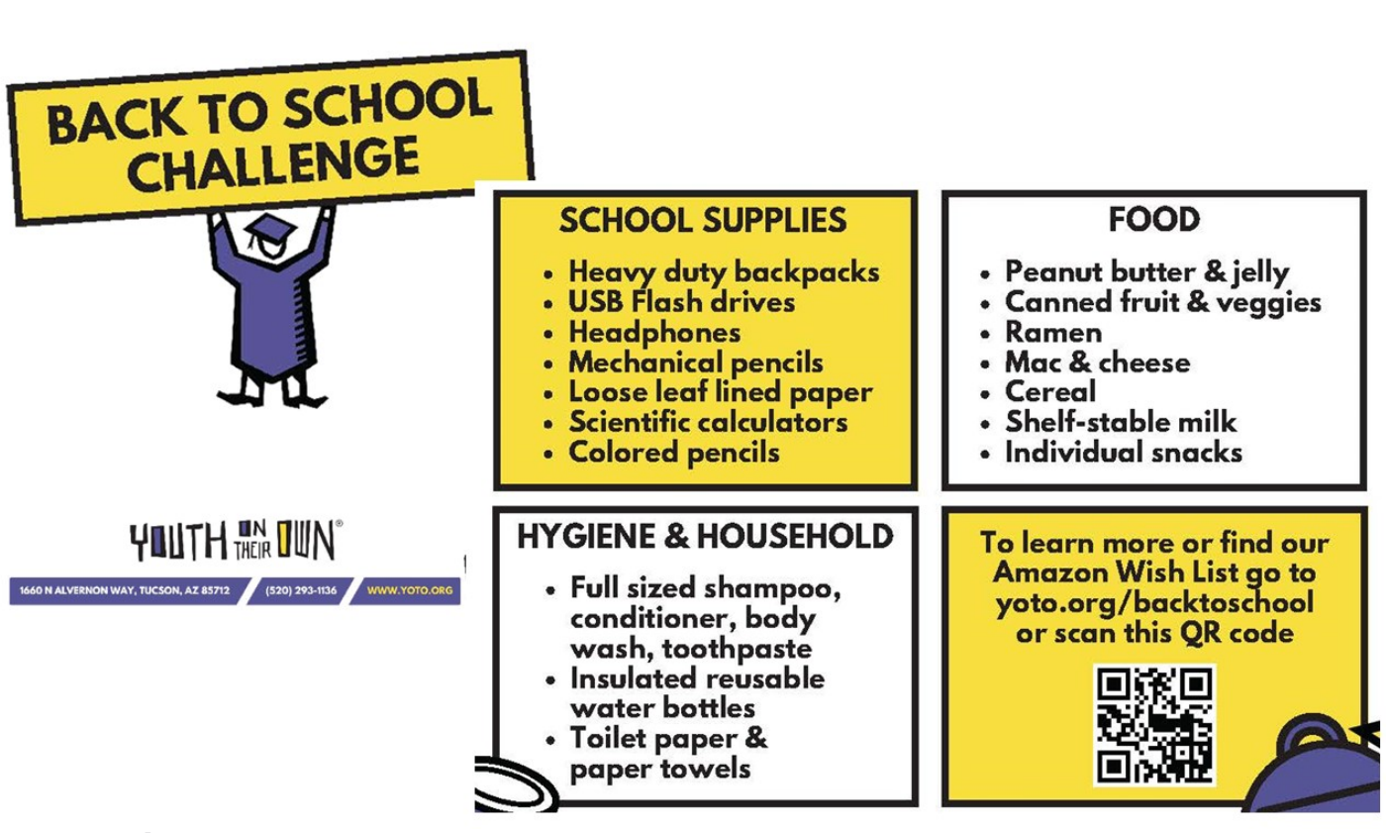
As you join the collective efforts of our organization and other caring donors who share your enthusiasm to help, you provide more than vital food for those in need. You provide the nourishment of hope and connection. This is so very essential to surviving the struggles many of our neighbors face.

The ICS Food Banks also serve as a door that leads recipients to other services ICS provides, supporting them in achieving stable, healthy and independent lives.

Thank you for being a key part of the solution as we work to alleviate hunger for our community's most fragile citizens. We couldn't do it without you.

With gratitude,

Tom McKinney
Chief Executive Officer, ICS



**BACK TO SCHOOL CHALLENGE**

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES**
- Heavy duty backpacks
- USB Flash drives
- Headphones
- Mechanical pencils
- Loose leaf lined paper
- Scientific calculators
- Colored pencils

**FOOD**
- Peanut butter & jelly
- Canned fruit & veggies
- Ramen
- Mac & cheese
- Cereal
- Shelf-stable milk
- Individual snacks

**HYGIENE & HOUSEHOLD**
- Full sized shampoo, conditioner, body wash, toothpaste
- Insulated reusable water bottles
- Toilet paper & paper towels

To learn more or find our Amazon Wish List go to yoto.org/backtoschool or scan this QR code

## IT'S BACK TO SCHOOL FOR YOUTH ON THEIR OWN (YOTO)

They could use our help to gather supplies they need to have a successful year!

Youth On Their Own (YOTO) is a dropout prevention program that supports the high school graduation and continued success of youth experiencing homelessness in Pima County.

The organization was founded in 1986 when Ann Young, a guidance counselor in the Amphitheater School District, noticed that talented and motivated students were dropping out of school due to homelessness and being forced to live on their own without a parent or guardian. Inspired by the students' tenacity and willingness to stay in school, other school counselors, teachers, volunteers, and community members came together to form YOTO with the goal of helping students graduate. Below is their list of items that they are needing.

Growing In Faith

## Embarking on a Faith Journey: The Reimagined Diakonia Program

The Diakonia Program, a cornerstone of the ELCA community, has been reimagined to offer an enriching journey of faith development. With our Growing in Faith communities in Metro Phoenix, Tucson, and online, you can delve deeper into your faith and discern your calling.
Our reimagined program features a two-year curriculum, beginning with a Foundation Year, designed to meet you at your current level of faith understanding and challenge you to ascend to new depths. The following Practical Year offers an optional "Road to Service" track, guiding participants through practical aspects of ministry.

Registration for the 2023-2024 academic year is now open.
View more info in this PDF.

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## VIA DE CRISTO
October 12-15th, 2023

Participating in this Renewing and Discipleship Ministry Retreat is most certainly "An invitation to receive a wonderful gift from God". Any person seeking to be strengthened in their relationship with Christ and their witness to others is urged to consider attending. ***This year the retreat dates are Thursday Oct 12th thru Sunday Oct 15th.*** This weekend is open to married couples and single men and women. For more information please contact Laura Eskridge 520-488-1195, Barbara Peterson 520-222-5160, or Pastor David.
All application packages should be submitted by September 15, 2023.

## NEWS FROM THE HEALTH AND WELLNESS COUNCIL

PCOA
Aging well for life

## ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH NATIONAL 'MAKE A WILL MONTH'?

It's an annual observance that emphasizes the importance of creating a will. Here are a few reasons why you might want to complete this essential task:
**Security:** Creating your will and estate plan allows you to communicate important financial and healthcare decisions, so you're prepared for whatever the future may hold.

**Peace of mind:** A will allows you to provide for the people and pets you love, so you know that no matter what, they will be supported.

**Impact:** Your estate plan is an opportunity to build a charitable legacy with the causes close to your heart.

Pima Council on Aging invests in this estate planning tool from FreeWill to support our community in completing this important task. It's a secure online platform that guides you through each step of writing your will for free — with no payment or sensitive information required!

As you write your will, FreeWill gives you the choice to make a legacy gift of any size to over 1,000 charities, including PCOA. Regardless of your decision to make a planned gift in your will, this tool is always 100% free to support you in completing this vital life task.

Last Make-A-Will Month, over **70,000 people** trusted FreeWill to help them create their will and protect what they love at no cost. So this month, find 20 minutes to join thousands in making a difference for your loved ones!

Best,

Anna Darian
Development Director at Pima Council on Aging

Create My Will

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PARKS & RECREATION

## SPORTS LEAGUES AND RECREATION FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Marana Parks and Rec offer so opportunities to learn learn and play. From pee-wee soccer to flag football, guided hiking to horseback riding, from painting to karate. Something for everyone. Click the button below to find a class or event.

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Directions about Worship, Zoom, and Facebook

Sunday Bulletin, Readings, Hymns, Prayers

Donate to Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

## Sunday Worship

**Sunday 8:00 a.m. Worship ~ Zoom**

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88641186563
Meeting ID: 886 4118 6563
Passcode: 188820

**Sunday 10:00 a.m. Worship ~ Zoom**

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82599628068
Meeting ID: 825 9962 8068
Passcode: 492256

The **BSLC Facebook page** can be found at https://www.facebook.com/BeautifulSaviorTucson/

Videos of the worship services, sermons only and special music will be posted on our YouTube channel as soon as possible.
Look for BSLCTucson on YouTube.

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