



### Tucson Pride Parade

Through the leadership of the Reconciling Committee and Children’s Ministry, we engaged around 75 festival-goers through activities like making friendship bracelets and inviting them to events like our Pet Blessing and “Queers & Coffee,” a gathering space for LGBTQIA+ individuals and allies. As a follow-up, our first “Queers & Coffee” discussion welcomed six new people, all of whom have since attended at least one Sunday worship service. I’ve had the joy of getting to know each one personally, and we’re planning another gathering soon to continue building connections.

Greetings, Catalina! In our just four, short months together, your vision and commitment to reach new people in our community is already beginning to bearing fruit. Here are some updates on the harvest! Alongside my pastoral responsibilities with our congregation (hospital visits, funerals, committee support, preaching, etc.), I’ve started building connections within our broader community through events and partnerships that reflect Catalina’s values of inclusivity and service. At the end of September, we participated in the Tucson Pride Parade and Festival, which opened doors to meaningful interactions.



Table @ Tucson Pride Fest



### Pride Fest Friendship Bracelets

Looking ahead, my work is to continue cultivating fresh opportunities to advance Catalina’s vision to reach new people in new ways. That means taking what Catalina has to offer—LGBTQIA+ inclusivity, disability equity, family ministry, music ministry—to where people are out the community, as we grow a “church within a church.”

Our outreach efforts are also reaching new audiences, including partnerships with groups like Club Zeus, which serves adults with disabilities. I noticed a Facebook post from a parent looking for a Trunk or Treat event that would welcome adults with disabilities, and we partnered with Club Zeus and our Children’s Ministry to host this inclusive event. This first-time collaboration and event welcomed over 200 guests from our Day School, Edge High School, and the broader community! Events like these affirm the value of hospitality and invite people from all walks of life into meaningful experiences on our campus.

Additional efforts, like staffing hospitality tables at Day School events and officiating community weddings, have also been valuable touchpoint s for expanding our reach.



Catalina’s first Trunk or Treat



Day School Open House



Blessing of the Animals



As we travel these new avenues of engagement, I invite you to journey with us through your prayerful consideration of your financial stewardship offering for 2025. Together, we’re expanding Catalina’s reach in ways that honor our heritage while embracing the call to welcome all!