

JULY 2021

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OUR SAVIOUR'S MESSAGE



Sisters and Brothers of Our Saviour's,

Rocky Railway VBS was on track

As I write this newsletter article, we are right in the middle of our Vacation Bible School (VBS) week (June 20 – 24). I am truly in awe of the tremendous amount of talents, creativities, and works that went into it all. I give thanks and praise to our God for the dedication and passion of our staff and volunteers, for all their hard work. It's so easy to see how the children, and the adults, are having loads of fun learning new songs/dances, building friendships, learning key biblical stories and passages, and discovering the power of Jesus. Well done staff and volunteers. Thank y'all!

Calling all Texans! (you know who you are)

Over thirty years ago, while enrolled at Luther Seminary, in St. Paul, MN, I learned from the late Dr. Duane Olson, who was the chair and professor of Missiology (*Mission*), that when you're called to serve and minister the Word of God in a different country, culture and/or context, anywhere in the world, the very first thing you do is take the necessary time to learn, to understand and to get to know the language(s), the culture(s), the territory, the mindsets (attitudes), and the temperaments of the people you're ministering to. *"To avoid and ignore this step"*, Dr. Olson taught, *"is a recipe for failure in leadership and in ministry"*. He certainly knew what he was talking about because Dr. Olson and his family served as Lutheran missionaries in Madagascar and Papua New Guinea for a total of 27 years, making him an expert on the matter as far as I'm concerned.

Well, being "a stranger in a strange land", I've decided to take Dr. Olson's teaching to heart and invite all who are willing to share/teach/educate me on "what makes Texans, Texans." In other words, what are the cultures, mindsets and temperaments of "Texans" – especially in these parts – that I need to know to successfully navigate and lead this congregation forward. This event will be on **Thursday, July 8th at 6:30 pm** in the Christian Education Building (door E, on Sam Houston Dr.). Come, share and answer some questions about being Texans. This event is open to all, and it should be an evening of fun, learning and enlightenment for all in attendance.

Looking ahead:

Sunday, August 15th is Rally Day Sunday at OSL. We'll have a combined (blended) worship service (at 10:00 a.m.), during which we shall have our Confirmants affirm their faith and received as adult members of the congregation. In addition, plan on signing up to be engaged in various ministry opportunities for this fall. I'm excited about what's ahead, y'all!

Africa, anyone? If you are interested in joining me in visiting Liberty School in Kenya, which is one of our Global mission partners, please let me or Darryl Kern know by July 15th. We're planning to take off this fall (Sept. or Oct.), and need to make travel arrangements, soon. Informational meetings will happen once we know who all are interested in going. Please pray on it.

Have a safe and blessed Independence Day celebration, in Jesus' name.
Pastor La Andriamihaja



REMINDER: The church office will be closed Monday, July 5th
in observance of Independence Day.



CONGREGATIONAL ICE CREAM AND SANDWICH SOCIAL MONDAY, JULY 19TH AT 6:30 PM IN THE MULTIPURPOSE ROOM

Each family please bring either a freezer of ice cream or sandwiches or chips and dip.
Please look for the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Desk. Bring your favorite game(s) and enjoy a night of fun.
Don't miss this great time of fellowship, enjoying delicious food and homemade ice cream.



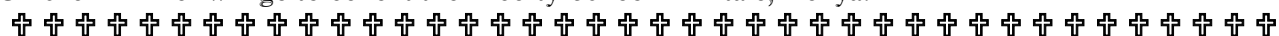
2021 LCMC TEXAS DISTRICT GATHERING FRIDAY, JULY 30TH – SATURDAY, JULY 31ST

The 2020 annual gathering of the LCMC Texas District will be held here at Our Saviour's.

All are invited to attend the annual gathering, to volunteer, or do both. Volunteers do have to register (registration fee \$20).

Registration is available online at www.lcmctexas.org/annual-gathering. If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information, please contact Gina in the church office at 575-4305.

Also, as part of the gathering, Our Saviour's is preparing a BBQ Chicken Dinner on Friday, July 30th. Dinner will be served from 5:30 – 6:30 pm. Advance tickets may be purchased with registration for just \$10. Proceeds from the BBQ Chicken Dinner will go to benefit the Liberty School in Kitale, Kenya.



PASTOR LA'S THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY

Pastor La's Thursday night Bible study is taking a break for the summer.

When classes will resume, they will be every Thursday at 12 noon.

Join us on Thursday, September 2nd and don't forget to bring your Bible & lunch.



On behalf of the staff of Lutheran World Relief, our partners, and the communities we serve with your support, thank you for your gift and may God continue to bless you.

Thank you for giving so generously to the Lutheran Disaster Response. Your support helps our church continue its effective and efficient response to disasters.

Thank you so much for your very generous donation to VCAM. Your gift allows us to help community members who are in need. We truly appreciate your support of our ministry. Sincerely, Rose Mary Voigt

We thank you and praise God for your generosity and want you to know that your gifts to Mission Mexico mean more than words can express and will spread the Good News of Jesus Christ to the people of Mexico.

Thank you all for your ongoing support! Your gift makes us smile every month! ♥ Sole Hope

Dear OSLC, Thank you for your recent gift of robes and gold candelabras. We will put them to good use. We pray for you and God bless you for your generous spirit. Pastor Wyatt, Palestine Missionary Baptist Church



HELP US REACH OUR GOAL AND GET THE WORD OUT!

We are fundraising to purchase two electronic message signs to place on Sam Houston Dr. and Ben Jordan St.

Approximate cost for two message signs is \$52,000.

We appreciate your help with this endeavor & welcome any donations.

If you have any questions or want more info contact Gerald Merks.



AROUND THE CHURCH FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND PRAYERS

If you have any information for AROUND THE CHURCH please call the church office.



Thanks be to God these folks have returned home from the hospital:

Ada Stange

Rhonda Tumlinson



Special Concerns: All those we hold dear in our hearts that are facing a battle for good health, mind & spirit.

Prayer is a strong wall and fortress of the church; it is a goodly Christian weapon. ~ Martin Luther





Camp Eagle®

Adventure Camps

All campers will leave Monday, July 12th at 11:00 am and return on Saturday, July 17th. Please pray for our campers to have fun, grow in their relationship with God and one another.

JULY NEWS, EVENTS & DATES TO REMEMBER!

SUNDAYS

July 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th
Sunday School at 9:15 am

WEDNESDAYS

July 7th & 21st
Lighthouse 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm

SPECIAL EVENTS

Lighthouse Bowling Party
July 28th 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
at Woodlawn Bowling on Red River St.
RSVP to Mrs. Susan by July 21st



Make plans for your Middle and High School students to attend this year's LCMC Youth Gathering July 30th and 31st at OSL!



We are excited to announce the third annual YOUTH GATHERING for ALL STUDENTS grades 6-12! Students will grow in their faith through learning from inspiring presenters and doing ministry with others their own age from across the state! Along the way, they'll meet lots of new friends, have fun, eat some great food, and be encouraged to live faithfully in their everyday lives.

Coinciding with the Annual Gathering, the Youth Gathering has its own schedule. Cost is just \$20 if registered by July 8th and includes snacks, dinner on Friday evening, lunch on Saturday, and a t-shirt.

THROUGH LIFE'S UPS & DOWNS, JESUS PULLS US THROUGH ~ TRUST JESUS!

What an amazing time we had at Rocky Railway VBS!!!

A HUGE THANK YOU to all the many volunteers. It could not have been done without your help. You helped keep our VBS on track!

We had 53 children attend VBS this year. We had a great team at the registration table keeping us organized and Kole keeping us on time.

Thanks to our wonderful volunteers in the kitchen for providing the delicious food and snacks each night.

To all the Station Leaders, Crew Leaders, Youth Volunteers and Floaters thank you for guiding, leading and praying for these kiddos. Thank you to the congregation for your prayers, donations and financial support.

Thank you to the incredible behind the scenes people, who worked to decorate & create fun, bright, and exciting trains, water towers and a train station.

A special thank you to Pastor La for leading an adult VBS class.

There were so many AWESOME volunteers, it was great to have so much support.



VBS WRAP-UP MEETING WEDNESDAY, JULY 7th AT 5:00 pm in the MPR
If you helped with VBS or would like to help next year, please join us.
We will discuss this year's VBS and begin plans for next year.



RALLY ON UP ~ SUNDAY, AUGUST 15TH

We will celebrate Rally Day with one service at 10:00 am. It will be a combined worship service where our confirmands will affirm their faith. Following the service we will have a time of food, fellowship and lots of fun activities. This also marks the time of year when our children and youth advance to their next Sunday School class. We have lots of new and exciting things taking place with our children and youth this year. Mark Sunday, August 15th on your calendar.





JULY 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			CHURCH EVENTS, DATES AND DETAILS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE			
					OFFICE CLOSED	3
4 Independence Day 8:00 & 10:30 am - Worship Service HOLY COMMUNION HELPING HANDS 9:15 am - Children & Youth Sunday School 9:15 am - Adult Bible Study 	5 OFFICE CLOSED	6 9:00 am - Staff Meeting 9:30 am - Tabitha Quilting Ministry 6:00 pm - Spiritual Leaders/Team Meeting in Christian Ed Building	7 5:00 pm - VBS Wrap-Up Meeting 5:30 pm - Lighthouse 5:30 pm - Prayer in Chapel	8 6:30 pm - All About Texans Meeting	9 MPR Unavailable	10 10:00 am - Life After Loss Support Group MPR Unavailable
11 8:00 & 10:30 am - Worship Service 9:15 am - Children & Youth Sunday School 9:15 am - Adult Bible Study	12 9:00 am - Staff Meeting 11:00 am - All Campers Leave for Camp Eagle 5:00 pm - Executive Council Meeting 6:00 pm - Men's Ministry in MPR MPR Rented	13 9:30 am - Tabitha Quilting Ministry 4:00 pm - Pantry MPR Rented Chapel Rented	14 5:30 pm - Prayer in Chapel	15 MPR Rented	16 OFFICE CLOSED MPR Rented	17 All Campers Return from Camp Eagle
18 8:00 & 10:30 am - Worship Service HOLY COMMUNION 9:15 am - Children & Youth Sunday School 9:15 am - Adult Bible Study	19 8:00 am - Pastor's Advisory Team Meeting 9:00 am - Staff Meeting 6:30 pm - Congregational Ice Cream Social	20 9:30 am - Tabitha Quilting Ministry 6:30 pm - Council Meeting	21 5:30 pm - Lighthouse 5:30 pm - Prayer in Chapel	22 MPR Unavailable	23 OFFICE CLOSED MPR Unavailable	24 MPR Unavailable
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Due to COVID-19 there are new procedures, guidelines and “social distancing” that our Worship Assistants must follow. Below is the schedule of worship assistants for this month. We will provide training and instruction to those who have not already received this information. If you require training or are not ready to join us in person and need to be taken off the schedule, please contact Gina in the church office at 575-4305 as soon as possible.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	USHER	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	ACOLYTE	LECTOR	GREETER	WELCOMER	WELCOME DESK	LEADER IN CHARGE
July 4 th 8:00 am	Dale Hoffmann Royce Krueger	Gina Eliot Steve Fiedler Jean Huber	Hunter Jacob	Steve Fiedler	Kathleen Reimann Terry Krueger	Gina Eliot	Jean Huber	July 4 th Libby Stirneman July 11 th Patty McGehee July 18 th Gary Mueller July 25 th Gerald Merks
10:30 am	Jason Eliot Darryl Kern	EJ Raley Pam Raley Stephen Fuhrman	Hannah Morris		Billy Blanchard Pam Raley	Pat DeDear	EJ Raley	
July 11 th 8:00 am	Glenn Gisler Gerald Merks		William Wright	Jean Gisler	Jean Gisler Janet Merks	Laura Wright	Linda Mueller	
10:30 am	Randy Clark Sharon Kacir		Haley Morris		Michael Buchhorn Dena Buchhorn	Doris Dold	Christine Willis	ALTAR GUILD Shirley Burris Linda Mueller
July 18 th 8:00 am	Mitchell Thurman Laura Johnston	Jason Eliot Gina Eliot Steve Fiedler	Alex Johnston	Linda Meitzen	Larry Henneke Kathleen Reimann	Gina Eliot	Jean Huber	ALTAR FLOWERS July 4 th Doris Dold July 11 th Ron & Kim Smith July 18 th Buck & Diane Dabney July 25 th Rhonda Tumlinson
10:30 am	Gary Mueller Marilyn Young	Lisa Price Darryl Kern Jason Eliot	Abby Christian		Jason Price Lisa Price	Pat DeDear	Sharon Kacir	
July 25 th 8:00 am	Dale Hoffmann Shirley Hoffmann		Tanner Jacob	Diane Dabney	Laura Wright Terry Krueger	Jan Jacob	Janet Merks	
10:30 am	Tom Willis Christine Willis		Laurel Hanson		Michael Buchhorn Dena Buchhorn	Doris Dold	Norma Lawrence	
Aug. 1 st 8:00 am	Bobby Jacob Royce Krueger	Jan Jacob Steve Fiedler Jean Huber	Hunter Jacob	Steve Fiedler	Kathleen Reimann Terry Krueger	Jan Jacob	Jean Huber	
10:30 am	Jason Eliot Darryl Kern	EJ Raley Pam Raley Stephen Fuhrman	Hannah Morris		Billy Blanchard Pam Raley	Pam Raley Sharon Kacir	EJ Raley	



NOTE: If you are not able to serve as scheduled, please try to find a replacement or call the person in charge of your ministry, see below: After finding your replacement, please let the church office know of the change. **PLEASE** don't ignore your obligation! If you no longer want to be on this list, you must inform the church office. **We need you** and count on you to help us keep the worship services running smoothly each week. **Acolyte/Lector** - Church Office 575-4305
Communion Assistant - Genny Pruitt 575-2666
Usher - Steve Fiedler 575-1643 or email: fiedler.acutune@gmail.com



WOMEN OF THE WORD

W.O.W. will not meet in July and August. All ladies are encouraged to attend the next W.O.W. meeting on Monday, September 20th at 6:00 pm in the MPR.

OSL SPIRITUAL LEADERS/TEAM MEETINGS ON THE 1ST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

Tuesday, July 6th at 6:00 pm in the Christian Ed Building.



HELPING HANDS OFFERING SUNDAY – JULY 4TH

The purpose of this fund is for individuals or families in the congregation who may at one time or another need a little help.

BAPTISM AT OUR SAVIOUR'S – Baptism is the first of the two sacraments. There is a list of guidelines to follow. If you desire more information about baptism here at Our Saviour's, please contact the church office at 575-4305.



OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH TABITHA QUILTING MINISTRY

Meets every Tuesday at 9:30 am in the Christian Ed Building

For more information about Tabitha Quilting Ministry contact Dorothy Waltersdorff at 576-1465 or Jean Gisler at 676-0484 or jeangislerlp@gmail.com.

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Life After Loss Support Group - Meets on the second Saturday of each month in the Christian Education wing of Our Saviour's. This month they will meet on Saturday, July 10th at 10:00 am. If you have any questions, please feel free to talk to Pastor La.



Mission Moment

by Pastor Bryce Formwalt
Director of Mission Growth



HARVEST
WORKERS

Immeasurably More – In April of this year, we lost a brother in Christ: Pastor Peter Horn of the Hill Country Bible Church network unexpectedly died. Peter was a friend of our District who joined us to deliver a keynote speech in 2017 when we gathered in Taylor around the theme "Multiply." He said something in his speech that I will never forget. His words were not eloquent but pierced my heart by asking and answering a simple question. He prefaced

his question by referencing some basic statistics: Approximately 2.1 million people live in and around Austin and approximately one third profess Jesus Christ to be their Lord and Savior, leaving about 1.4 million people who profess other faiths or have no faith at all.

Then Peter asked, "How long will it take to reach every single one of these 1.4 million people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ?" I remember thinking to myself: "a really long time!" But then he answered his own question: "About 30 minutes if the 700,000 Jesus followers each took 15 minutes with two unbelievers to share the Gospel!"

In Matthew 28 just before Jesus ascended to heaven, he issues his Great Commission to his followers: "Go and make disciples of all nations..." We hear this charge and can quickly become overwhelmed by the size of the task. "All nations" is a BIG mission field! We can get hung-up on the magnitude of it all and just chalk it up as impossible. But our God specializes in doing the impossible! In Ephesians 3:20-21 we read Paul's testimony about God's power: "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations for ever and ever! Amen."

While I get overwhelmed at the thought of reaching my neighborhood for Jesus, Paul reminds us that God can do immeasurably more than we could even ask for or imagine! God calls us to trust that he has the ability to do above and beyond what we think is possible! And Paul also reminds us that God chooses to work in us and through us: "according to the power that is at work within us." Throughout scripture God has chosen his children to be this primary instrument of accomplishing his purpose. Yet the task of making disciples of all nations is not for any one of us to accomplish individually. Instead, it is a collective call for all Christ followers which certainly includes you, but not you by yourself.

Instead, we need unity in our mission as congregations to evangelize and make disciples starting in our own communities. Mike Bradley, LCMC's Service Coordinator, has been praying for the congregations in our association to "come together as one so that millions may be drawn by God to faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord!" Start the conversation in your church today. God desires to work through you and your congregation to fulfill his mission to reach the unreached with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. And coming together around a shared mission and empowered by Almighty God, you might be surprised just how possible the impossible might be!

faith and finances

Honor the Lord with your wealth
and with the best part of everything you produce.
Then he will fill your barns with grain,
and your vats will overflow with good wine.

Proverbs 3:9-10

OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH FINANCE GENERAL FUND MONTHLY BREAKDOWN

BEGINNING BALANCE: May 1, 2021	\$295,194.14
TOTAL GF RECEIPTS:	\$64,431.51
OPERATING EXPENSES FOR MONTH:	
Benevolence	6,151.21
Outreach	208.96
Youth & Children Ministries	1,091.19
Music & Performance Ministry	195.00
Worship Support	48.41
Office Support	526.49
Utilities	2,756.50
Supplies, Equip., Maintenance	8,531.68
Insurance	2,789.60
Miscellaneous Support	1,454.61
Staffing	26,056.56
TOTAL GF EXPENSES FOR MONTH:	\$50,056.56
GF RESERVE TRANSFER	150,000.00
ENDING BALANCE: May 31, 2021	\$159,569.09

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS MAY BALANCES

Building Maintenance Fund	12,522.73
Children's Ministry Fund	10,416.34
Helping Hands Fund	13,005.64
Youth Ministry Fund	13,882.36
Memorial Fund	4,630.55
OSLC Ministry Fund **	54,001.22
OSLC Mission Fund	3,516.53
Spiritual Formation Fund	2,573.86

Total Misc. Accts. \$114,549.23

** This fund consists of several small funds including:
Tabitha Quilting Ministry, Kitchen, ILT, Choir, Prayer
Garden, Grant activity & Food Pantry.

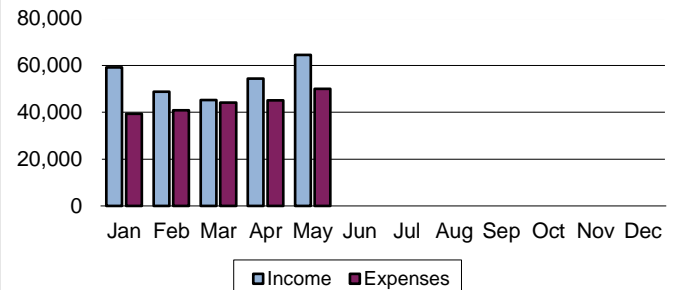


June Attendance

Our average weekly attendance
for June 159.

June 6 th	155
June 13 th	157
June 20 th	165

General Fund 2021 Income vs. Expenses



Summer
is here!

This is the day the
LORD has made;
let us rejoice
and be glad in it.

PSALM 118:24



During the summer months, everyone wants to relax and take it easy. The kids are out of school, we are going on vacations, and we get out of our daily/weekly routines. It's easy to forget what we've disciplined ourselves to do, even as faithful stewards.

Below are a few things that can help you stay plugged in this summer, while traveling.

LISTEN TO SUNDAY SERMONS ONLINE.

READ YOUR NEWSLETTERS.

CONTINUE TO TITHE BY MAIL OR BY USING ONE OF OUR SIMPLE ELECTRONIC OPTIONS BELOW:

SIMPLY GIVING - We have been using this program for some time now. The Simply Giving® Program offers church members a convenient, safe, and simple way to make regular church offerings without the need to write checks, carry cash or prepare envelopes. It is handled by a company named Vanco Services and they will process the auto withdrawal through your bank and deposit directly into OSL's account. A simple authorization form is all that is needed.

ONLINE GIVING - Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions or one-time contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet. Simply follow these easy steps:

- 1) Visit the church website at www.oslc victoria.com,
- 2) Click on the [Give] tab,
- 3) Click on the [Give Online] line,
- 4) Click on {Give Online} again at right
- 5) Click on the [Create Profile] button, then
- 6) Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring or one-time contributions.

This program supports bank accounts and debit or credit cards. Recurring donations are convenient and provide our church with much needed consistent support throughout the year. If you have any questions about either of these programs, please contact Sally Hersey at the church office. As always, thank you for your continued support.

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