FEBRUARY 2022

OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH 4102 N. BEN JORDAN, VICTORIA, TX 77901 PHONE (361) 575-4305 FAX (361) 575-8679



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Sunday worship 8:00 & 10:30 am Pastor Lalahery "La" Andriamihaja

Children/Youth Sunday School 9:15 am Adult Sunday School 9:15 am

Ministers: YOU!



"If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.



If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing." (1 Cor. 13:1-3)

Our Saviour's beloveds,

The above passage is taken from what has been known as the Apostle Paul's "Love" chapter. There are many good reminders and advice for us to live by in this chapter – I recommend us all to read it and apply it in our daily lives, especially in our relationships with our loved ones. After all, this month of February is traditionally known as the "love" month, with Valentine's Day being at the heart of it.

Speaking of relationships, I am aware that we have missed many of our OSL members and fellow believers at worship in the last several months. I am also aware that Covid19, with all its various variant strains have, and continue to infect and affect many of our families. Please know that I continue to pray for those who are ill and are in the throws of this plague, as well as for those who are in recovery.

Friends, as members of the Body of Christ, at Our Saviour's, I encourage you to maintain and keep up the relationships you have established with one another by calling and checking up on those whom we've missed at church. There are a great deal of them that we've been missing. As a matter of fact, this month – this "love" month – I will provide some practical teaching in my Sunday messages on how we can reach out, maintain, and grow our relationships with the members whom we've missed from our midst. At our recent Council & Ministry Leaders' retreat (on Jan. 15th), I expressed and emphasized to our congregational leaders that the goal of having 250 people, or more, in regular worship attendance in 2021 is still the goal for this year. And one of the ways that we'll meet this goal – God willing, and we comply to His will - is to stress the importance of our relationships with one another, as fellow believers in Christ Jesus. So, I hope you'll be attending on Sundays this month to hear, to learn and to apply these simple and practical methods for our growth as the Body of Christ, and to bring glory to His name.

Now, why am I insisting on this? Because nothing speaks and reveals "love" (agape) than being in a good and healthy relationship with another. This is precisely what our heavenly Father has shown us in sending his One and only Son to be among us, and to save us so that we can be His Children. That's love, pure and simple! Therefore, since we are in relationship with God, through Jesus, we can be certain of His love for us. And those who are loved by God are called to love on others. Furthermore, we are to seek and maintain our loving relationships with others because without them, we are not complete, or as the Apostle Paul puts it, "we are nothing." So, start calling and inviting friends to come, especially on "Bring a Friend Sunday" – February 13th. Happy Valentine's Day - It's all about God's Love!

Pastor La





BRING A FRIEND TO CHURCH SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH

AVIOUR'S

oasis meal every wednesday at 5:45 pm in mpr



Oasis is a time for great food, fellowship, bible studies and fun activities but we need your help to make it happen. We need volunteers to cook and serve the meal each Wednesday. There is a budget for this ministry.

If you are interested in serving Our Saviour's through this ministry, please sign-up at the Welcome Desk. If you need more information, contact the church office.





Please bring your canned goods or monetary donations and help us defeat hunger by donating to OSL Pantry!!! OSL Children & Youth will be collecting donations before and after each service in the Narthex.

BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER

OSL's children and youth campers will have a bake sale on Sunday, February 13th after each service to raise money to help offset the cost of camp. Come get super bowl goodies and support our campers!





NEW WEDNESDAY NIGHT STUDY – Beginning February 2nd at OSL in the Christian Ed Building every Wednesday from 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm. If you are interested in helping the next generation navigate through today's world, call Gary at 361-550-9984 to reserve your seat and materials (cost for materials \$25).



SPRINGFEST - MAY 1, 2022 FROM 10:00 AM UNTIL 2:00 PM



We will be selling BBQ chicken plates with all the trimmings for \$10.00 a plate. We will also have a Silent Auction, Country Store, Cake Walk, Cup Raffle and Children's Activities. Pre-sell tickets will be available at the Welcome Desk soon. If you would like to help sell tickets please contact Michael or Dena Buchhorn.

To make Springfest a successful event, we need lots of help. There are numerous ways to contribute.

- Monetary Donations (help to purchase food and other supplies)
- Silent Auction Items (all items must be new)
- Gift Cards for Cup Raffle

- Cakes for Cake Walk and Dessert Table
- Country Store Items homemade baked goods, canned/pickled goods, and handcrafted items

We also need many, many volunteers. There are various positions available. Check out the Springfest table in the Narthex to find your spot.

For more information or any questions, contact John Hersey or Bruce Jank.

The proceeds from this Springfest will be divided between: Habitat for Humanity, Christ Kitchen.

Victoria Life Enrichment Center. and Our Saviour's

SPRINGFEST MEETING - Our next Springfest meeting will be Monday, Feb. 7th at 6:00 pm in the Conference Room. Anyone interested in helping is encouraged to attend. Please join us!





PRAYER GARDEN VOLUNTEERS

A garden requires maintenance & TLC to keep it beautiful, and we are in need of volunteers who can help on a rotating basis (about once every 6-8 weeks) for a few hours. For more information or to sign-up contact Debbie Krueger at kkrue@suddenlink.net or 935-6478.

WOMEN OF THE WORD



W.O.W. - Will meet on Monday, February 21st at 6:00 pm in the MPR. All ladies of OSL are welcome to attend. There is always a time of great fellowship, food, meaningful devotion and these meetings are always purposeful.

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



Tuesday, February 1st at 6:00 pm in the Christian Ed Building.



HELPING HANDS OFFERING SUNDAY - February 6TH

The purpose of this fund is for individuals or families in the congregation who may at one time, or another need a little help. Please use the envelopes in the pew racks for your contribution.

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.

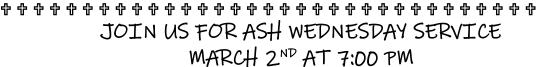




OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH TABITHA QUILTING MINISTRY

Meets Every Tuesday at 9:30 am in the Christian Ed Building contact Dorothy Waltersdorff for details 576-1465.

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, February 12th at 10:00 am. If you have any questions, please feel free to talk to Pastor La.







Thank you so much for your faithfulness and support of Mission Mexico. We value your prayers and gifts.

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

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

OUTDOOR FAMILY EXPO SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH 10 AM - 5 PM AT SUN VALLEY RANCH FREE PARKING, FREE ADMISSION, FREE ACTIVITES



AROUND THE CHURCH FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND PRAYERS

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



Received in Holy Baptism...

...Calum Jacobie Tisdale, son of Jacobie 7 Carly Tisdale



We extend our deepest sympathy to... ...the family of Lawrence Ckodre

Funeral services were held for: Lawrence Ckodre



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

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

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Due to COVID-19 there are new procedures and guidelines 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. NOTE: If you are not able to serve as scheduled, please try to find a replacement or call the church office at 575-4305.

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	USHER	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	ACOLYTE	LECTOR	GREETER	WELCOMER	WELCOME DESK	LEADER IN CHARGE **
Feb. 6 th 8:00 am	Royce Krueger Terry Krueger Dale Hoffmann Shirley Hoffmann	Steve Fiedler Bob Stirneman Libby Stirneman	Hunter Jacob	Steve Fiedler	Kathleen Reimann Jan Jacob	Joyce Cardinell	Jean Huber	Feb 6th Pam Raley Feb 13th Doris Dold
10:30 am	Michael Buchhorn Dena Buchhorn Randy Clark Doris Dold	Brett Ckodre Lisa Price Patty McGehee Marilyn Young Janine Rothmann	Arun Pickens		Brett Ckodre Christine Willis	Pam Raley	EJ Raley	Feb. 20 th Hanta Andriamihaja Feb. 27 th Eden Yaklin
Feb. 13 th 8:00 am	Glenn Gisler Gerald Merks Mitchell Thurman Steve Fiedler		William Wright	Jean Gisler	Jean Gisler Janet Merks	Laura Wright	Linda Mueller	Eden Yaklin ALTAR GUILD
10:30 am	Debbie Krueger Kurtis Krueger Billy Blanchard Jason Eliot		Haley Morris		Marilyn Young Sharon Kacir	Doris Dold	Norma Lawrence	Marchelle Schlenker Linda Mueller
Feb. 20 th 8:00 am	John Hersey Sally Hersey Dale Hoffmann Shirley Hoffmann	Glenn Gisler Jean Gisler Joyce Cardinell	Konor Eliot	Glenn Gisler	Kathleen Reimann Terry Krueger	Joyce Cardinell	Jean Huber	ALTAR FLOWERS
10:30 am	Tom Willis Christine Willis Randy Clark Gary Mueller	Michael Buchhorn Dena Buchhorn Eden Yaklin Pat DeDear Janine Rothmann	Abby Christian		Michael Buchhorn Dena Buchhorn	Pam Raley	Sharon Kacir	Feb 6 th Louis Willeke Feb 13 th Travis & Melanie Gillig
Feb. 27 th 8:00 am	Glenn Gisler Gerald Merks Mitchell Thurman Laura Johnston		Alex Johnston	Diane Dabney	Janet Merks	Joyce Cardinell	Linda Mueller	Jason & Gina Eliot Feb. 27th ***
10:30 am	Kurtis Krueger Debbie Krueger Hanta Andriamihaja Marilyn Young		Hannah Morris		Brett Ckodre Christine Willis	Doris Dold	Norma Lawrence	
Mar. 2 nd Ash Wednesday 7:00 pm	Patty McGehee Gerald Merks	Jason Eliot Jan Jacob Pam Raley EJ Raley	Konor Eliot		Pam Raley Sharon Kacir	Doris Dold	EJ Raley	



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FEBRUARY NEWS, EVENTS & DATES TO REMEMBER!

Sunday, February 6th, 20th & 27th Sunday School at 9:15 am

Sunday, February 13th
Souper Bowl of Caring, Bake Sale Fundraiser
& Bring a Friend to Church
Sunday School at 9:15 am

Wednesdays, February 2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd
Kids' Choir or Tone Chimes at 5:15 pm
Oasis Meal at 5:45 pm
Lighthouse Small Groups at 5:30 pm
Confirmation Class at 5:30 pm

JOIN IN THE FUN, SUNDAY, FEB. 13TH AND WEAR YOUR FAVORITE TEAM JERSEY TO CHURCH TO HELP COLLECT DONATIONS FOR SOUPER BOWL OF CARING.







Where Do Pastors Come From? - This guest post is by David Mayer. David is the interim pastor of Faith Lutheran Church in Seguin, Texas, and teaches New Testament for Harvest Workers.

Every year there are more pastors retiring. So, where do new pastors come from? Where are the gardens in which future pastoral

candidates are grown? Apart from one candidate who I helped nurture and mentor, I admit that I have acted as if pastors "just keep coming," as if there were an automatic stream of people eagerly filling the ranks left empty by retiring pastors. Is this how congregations think? Is this how pastors join the ranks, always from somewhere else, but never from any place in particular?

In Acts we learn that God shaped the faith of Timothy in a particular congregation, through his mother and grandmother. But what if Timothy's congregation had not encouraged him? What if they had not commended Timothy to Paul? What if Paul had not been interested in taking the time to mentor Timothy? What if Paul had only wanted well-rounded, experienced workers?

In 10th grade, while sitting in church and listening to the sermon, I heard God distinctly speak into my spirit, "David, this is what I want you to do with your life." God certainly knows how to pick ill-qualified people! This "call" was undeniable for me and remains so to this day, even though I have tried to argue God out of it from time to time. But the call by itself did not make me a pastor. I needed the encouragement of many, as well as an education and an apprenticeship provided by the church.

The gospel rubber hits the road in congregations. That is where the Word of God is proclaimed and hashed out for everyday living. Generally, that is where God speaks into individuals His purpose and calls them to serve Him. Congregations need to affirm the call of God and encourage, nurture and support future pastors.

My mother grew up in Henry County, Ohio, where so many Lutheran pastoral candidates, missionaries and church workers were raised up that this county became famous in certain circles. One of the reasons was St. Paul Lutheran Church in Napoleon. What was it about St Paul Lutheran Church? Certainly, it was a congregation that was alive in the gospel of Jesus Christ and passionate about mission. The congregation also must have identified promising Timothys. In addition, pastors must have let those inexperienced and timid Timothys have a chance to get their feet wet. Words of encouragement and financial help to attend seminary had to be part of their way of growing pastors.

Where do pastors come from? They come from our congregations. They are our sons and daughters who are untrained but promising disciples whom we identity and encourage. Are we willing to work with inexperienced Timothys and rough-edged Peters as well as Priscillas who are redirected to gospel work? How will you help grow future pastors? You'll find them in the garden of your own congregation.



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: December 1, 2021	\$227,978.68
TOTAL GF RECEIPTS:	\$65,221.83
OPERATING EXPENSES FOR MONTH:	
Benevolence	6,028.90
Outreach	3,308.17
Youth & Children's Ministries	112.30
Ministry Support	692.85
Music & Performance Ministry	1,310.00
Worship Support	636.19
Office Support	553.65
Utilities	2,807.21
Supplies, Equip., Maintenance	5,014.66
Insurance	3,042.27
Miscellaneous Support	2,338.26
Staffing	24,682.30
TOTAL GF EXPENSES FOR MONTH:	\$50,526.76
ENDING BALANCE: December 31, 2021	\$242,673.75

Attendance

Our average weekly attendance for January is 130.



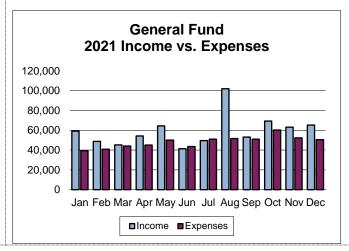
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January Attenda	nce
January 2 nd	123
January 9th	136
January 16th	131

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS DECEMBER BALANCES

Building Maintenance Fund	13,212.55
Children's Ministry Fund	10,423.34
Helping Hands Fund	12,115.09
Youth Ministry Fund	10,262.93
Memorial Fund	6,600.55
OSLC Ministry Fund **	60,887.02
OSLC Mission Fund	1,439.57
Spiritual Formation Fund	2,573.86
Total Misc. Accts.	\$117,514.91

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





- **1. IN PERSON/WORSHIP -** On Sunday mornings during worship simply place your offering in the plate. If you miss the plate, there is a donation box at the Welcome Center.
- **2. 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.oslcvictoria.com,
- 2) Click on the [Give] tab,
- 3) Click on the [Give Online] line,
- 5) Click on the [Create Profile] button, then
- 6) Follow the instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your 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.

- 3. RECURRING/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. Forms are available in the church office.
- 4. MAIL You may mail your offering in to Our Saviour's at any time to 4102 N. Ben Jordan, Victoria, Tx 77901.

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