APRIL 2022

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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!



Dear Holy People of Our Saviour's.

Some years back, in one of my previous congregations, a young man named Garrett, came to see me. He was one of my confirmation students a couple years earlier. That day when he came into my office, he was a senior in high school, a year-round star athlete, an exceptional musician, an Eagle Scout, came from a solid Christian home, an active youth leader in the congregation, and was the valedictorian at his high school

graduation ceremony. I could not be prouder of this fine and upstanding young man.

After some exchange of pleasantries in my office, Garrett cut to the chase and stated what was on his mind. He proceeded to tell me that he has been wrestling with a question – a question that I believe most Christians have or should be having in their Christian walk. He stated and asked, "Pastor, you've been preaching about God's will, but I don't have any clue as to what that is. What is God's will for me?"

Well, a couple of hours later, Garrett got up, stuck out his right hand, gave me a firm handshake, looked me straight in the eye and exclaimed with all the confidence in the world, and said, "Got it and I'm on it! Thank you."

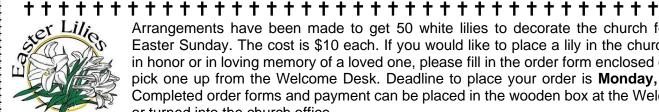
Garrett is now a father of two, a husband to his wife of seventeen years, a little league baseball coach, an outstanding high school principal, and an active and faith-filled leader in his congregation - all because he knew then and knows still what God's will is for him. How about you?

Saints of God, this Easter Sunday (Apr. 17th) and the subsequent Sundays thereafter, I will focus and address what God's will is for you, and for all his people. I pray you don't miss it! If, like Garrett, you have been wrestling with this question, come to worship this Easter Sunday and find out what God's will is for you. And if you already know what His will is for you, come to worship this Easter Sunday to confirm it. Then plan on coming back each Sunday, thereafter, to learn how to apply God's will in your daily life.

Like last year, we will have three (3) Easter Sunday worship opportunities here at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. Please see the advertised times of worships in this newsletter. But most importantly, I encourage you to share, to invite, and to lead/bring others who may be wondering or wrestling about God's will for them to join us, this Easter, and every Sunday thereafter. Here's a hint: John 10:10b

Blessed Easter to you and your family,

La Andriamihaja, Pastor



Arrangements have been made to get 50 white lilies to decorate the church for Easter Sunday. The cost is \$10 each. If you would like to place a lily in the church in honor or in loving memory of a loved one, please fill in the order form enclosed or pick one up from the Welcome Desk. Deadline to place your order is Monday, April 11th. Completed order forms and payment can be placed in the wooden box at the Welcome Desk or turned into the church office.

EASTER GARDEN

We will once again be decorating the Narthex with an Easter Garden. If you would like to help contribute to the purchase of the plants needed, please put your donation in an envelope marked "Easter Garden" and place it in the wooden box on the Welcome Desk.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, April 10th - 8:00 am & 10:30 am Service Maundy Thursday, April 14th - 7:00 pm Service with Holy Communion Good Friday April 15th - 7:00 pm Service



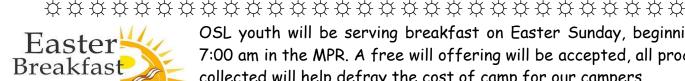


EASTER SUNDAY CELEBRATION APRIL 17TH

Sunrise Service 6:30 am in Prayer Garden 8:00 am Traditional & 10:30 am Contemporary Holy Communion offered at all services

ATTENTION CHILDREN! All children are encouraged to bring a flower (any kind) to church on Easter Sunday. The flowers will be placed on a screen surrounding the empty cross of Jesus in the Narthex before they enter the church. This will be a tribute of love for our risen Lord. PARENTS please encourage your children to participate in this loving tribute.





OSL youth will be serving breakfast on Easter Sunday, beginning at 7:00 am in the MPR. A free will offering will be accepted, all proceeds collected will help defray the cost of camp for our campers.

Reminder, the church office will be closed Monday, April 18th for the Easter Holiday.

Dear families in Christ,



I hope everyone who has chosen to participate in our daily devotionals has gotten as much out of them as I have. My hope is, that this will become a tradition even after the Lenten season has come and passed. It is always good practice to take time daily to reflect on God's word and how it applies to our day-to-day life. Let us lead by example and show our children that spending time with God is not only fulfilling, but easy as well. He is always available to us, any time of day, for any

12:00 PM Easter Egg hunt in Prayer Garden

duration.

On another note, I was wondering how many of our youth read the newsletter. Anyone who knows me, knows I love playing games and giving out prizes! So, in order to test how many families actually pay attention to the monthly newsletters, I would like to play a game. Below, I will list a sequence of books in the bible with one missing. The first 3 kids to find me and tell me the missing book will receive a prize.

What book is missing from this order, and where should it go? Leviticus, Numbers, Joshua, Judges

Many Blessings, Mrs. Susan

Easter Breakfast: The CYF is now accepting donations for this year's Easter Breakfast. We will be serving pancakes, sausage, and fruit. All proceeds will go to covering camp costs for Summer 22. If you would like to assist monetarily or donating supplies, please see Mrs. Susan. Thank you!

Holy Week Activities:

8:00 am Traditional Worship

Maundy Thursday, April 14 th	Good Friday, April 15 th	Saturday, April 16 th
5:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service Project	7:00 pm Good Friday Service	4:00 pm Breakfast Prep
(TBD)		5:30 pm Movie Night in the High
7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Church Service		School Room
Easter Sunday, April 17 th		
5:00 am Set-Up for Breakfast 7:00 am-1	10am Serve Breakfast 6:30	am Sunrise Service

Crafts Day: We will be having a "crafts day" on April 23rd from 1 pm - 3 pm in the Christian Ed Building to make various items to sell at Springfest. Contact Susan for more information. (361)-648-0036.

10:30 am Contemporary Worship



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. Please purchase your plate tickets early. We will be using the number of "Pre-sale Tickets" sold to determine the amount of chicken and other meal items (potatoes, beans, etc.) that will be purchased. Without a ticket there is no guarantee that plates will be available. 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, April 4th at 6:00 pm in the Conference Room. Anyone interested in helping is encouraged to attend. Please join us!





WOMEN OF THE WORD

W.O.W. - Will meet on Monday, April 18th 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, April 5th at 6:00 pm in the Christian Ed Building.



HELPING HANDS OFFERING SUNDAY - April 3rd

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, April 9th at 10:00 am. If you have any questions, please feel free to talk to Pastor La.



Our church family will be sending out Easter cards to the homebound, and members that we have not seen in a while. Please let us know if there is anyone that you would like to send an Easter card to, from our church family. If so, please contact Doris Dold by email <u>ddold42@gmail.com</u> or call her at 361-574-8585.





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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	PLEASE NOTE		CHURCH EVENTS, DATES AND DETAILS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE		OFFICE	2
3 5" Sunday in Lent 8:00 & 10:30 am - Worship Service HOLY COMMUNION HELPING HANDS 9:15 am - Children & Youth Sunday School 9:15 am - Adutt Bible Study	4 8:00 am - Pastor's Advisory Team Meeting 9:00 am - Staff Meeting 6:00 pm - Springfest Meeting	5 9:30 am - Tabitha Quilting Ministry 6:00 pm – Spiritual Leaders/Team Meeting in Christian Ed Building	12 noon - Lenten Lunch with Pastor La 5:15 pm - Tone Chimes 5:30 pm - Prayer Group in Chapel 5:45 pm - Oasis Meals 6:00 pm - Senior Choir Practice 6:00 pm - Book Study 6:15 pm - Lighthouse Small Groups 6:15 pm - Confirmation Class 7:00 pm - Lenten Service	7 12 noon - Pastor La's Bible Study	OFFICE CLOSED	9 10:00 am - Life After Loss Support Group
Palm Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 am - Worship Service 9:15 am - Children & Youth Sunday School 9:15 am - Adult Bible Study	9:00 am - Staff Meeting 1:30 pm - Pantry Prep 5:00 pm - Executive Council Meeting	12 9:30 am - Tabitha Quilting Ministry 4:00 pm - Pantry Chapel Rented	13 There will be no Wednesday night activities during Holy Week	14 Maundy Thursday 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service with Holy Communion	15 Good Friday OFFICE CLOSED 7:00 pm - Good Friday Service	16 4:00 pm - Easter Breakfast Prep 5:30 pm - Movie Night in High School Room MPR Unavailable
Easter Sunday 6:30 am - Sunrise Service in Prayer Garden 8:00 & 10:30 am - Worship Service HOLY COMMUNION No Sunday School 7:00 am - 10:00 am - Easter Breakfast 12 noon – Easter Egg Hunt in Prayer Garden	OFFICE CLOSED 6:00 pm - Women of the Word in the MPR	19 8:00 am - Pastor's Advisory Team Meeting 9:00 am - Staff Meeting 9:30 am - Tabitha Quilting Ministry 6:30 pm - Council Meeting	5:15 pm - Tone Chimes 5:36 pm - Prayer Group in Chapel 5:36 pm - Oasis Meals 6:30 pm - Lighthouse Small Groups 6:30 pm - Confirmation Class 6:30 pm - Senior Choir Practice	21 12 noon - Pastor La's Bible Study	OFFICE CLOSED	23 MPR Rented
24 8:00 & 10:30 am - Worship Service 9:15 am - Children & Youth Sunday School 9:15 am - Adult Bible Study	25 9:00 am - Staff Meeting 1:30 pm - Pantry Prep MPR Unavailable	26 9:30 am - Tabitha Quilting Ministry 4:00 pm - Pantry MPR Unavailable	5:30 pm - Prayer Group in Chapel 5:45 pm - Oasis Meals 6:30 pm - Lighthouse Small Groups 6:30 pm - Confirmation Class 6:30 pm - Senior Choir Practice MPR Unavailable	28 12 noon - Pastor La's Bible Study MPR Unavailable	OFFICE CLOSED MPR Unavailable	30 SPRINGFEST PREP DAY MPR Unavailable

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
April 3 rd 8:00 am	Dale Hoffmann Shirley Hoffmann	Bob Stirneman Libby Stirneman Joyce Cardinell	Hunter Jacob	Steve Fiedler	Kathleen Reimann Jan Jacob	Joyce Cardinell	Jean Huber	April 3 rd ** Michael Buchhorn ** April 6 th **
10:30 am	Michael Buchhorn Dena Buchhorn Darryl Kern Gary Mueller	EJ Raley Pam Raley Christine Willis Lisa Price Patty McGehee	Arun Pickens		Lisa Price Patty McGehee	Pam Raley	EJ Raley	April 10 th Sharon Kacir April 14 th Katy Morris
April 6 th 7:00 pm	Laura Johnston Randy Clark		William	2000	200			April 15 th Michael Buchhorn
8:00 am	Gerald Merks Glenn Gisler		Wright	Jean Gisler	Janet Merks	Laura vvrignt	Mueller	April 17" ** Pam Raley ** April 24th
10:30 am	Doris Dold Kurtis Krueger Debbie Krueger Jason Eliot		nannan Morris		Maniyn Young Billy Blanchard	Curistine Willis	Norma Lawrence	April 24" Gerald Merks ALTAR GUILD
April 14 th 7:00 pm	Patty McGehee Marilyn Young	Brett Ckodre Pat DeDear Jason Eliot	Konor Eliot					Marilyn Young Janell Blevins Christine Willis
April 15 th 7:00 pm	Hanta Andriamihaja Darryl Kern							ALTAR FLOWERS
* April 17 th 6:30 am	Jason Eliot Gina Eliot	Steve Fiedler						April 3 rd Lean Huber
8:00 am	Royce Krueger Terry Krueger	Glenn Gisler Jean Gisler Jean Huber	Cole Neill	Kim Neill	Kathleen Reimann Jan Jacob	Joyce Cardinell	Jean Huber	April 10 th Robert Pfeil ** April 17 th
10:30 am	Michael Buchhorn Dena Buchhorn Patty McGehee Elaine Thurman	Marilyn Young Doris Dold Brett Ckodre Eden Yaklin Pat DeDear	Haley Morris		Marilyn Young Eden Yaklin	Doris Dold	Sharon Kacir	Women of the Word April 24th John & Sally Hersey
April 24 th 8:00 am	Alex Johnston Laura Johnston Lane Johnston Will Johnston		William Wright	William Wright	Jan Jacob Tanner Jacob Deanna Jacob Hunter Jacob	Konor Eliot	Henry Neill Kim Neill	
10:30 am	Abby Christian Laurel Hanson Haley Morris		Arun Pickens	Hannah Morris	Haven Crawford Stella Crawford Pam Raley	Jason Loper Rachel Willis	William Loper Christine Willis	Christ Web Rigarit

NEW GLOBAL MISSION PARTNER ENVELOPES

On the 5th Sunday of each month, we will be highlighting one of our global mission partners. Please use the new blue envelopes in the pews to contribute to any of these at any time.



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.

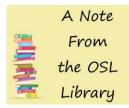
On behalf of the staff of Lutheran World Relief, our partners, and the communities we serve with your support, thank you for your gift and may God continue to bless you.

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

Thank you for your donation to Christ's Kitchen it will help us to continue serving a hot meal at no charge to the people in need.

Thank you for your partnership with Global Health Ministries. Your support has made it possible to ship life changing equipment and supplies around the globe.

On behalf of Josephine Cook's family, we would like to thank Our Saviour's for the use of the multipurpose room and for the ladies of the church for preparing the meal and for all your prayers and concerns. Thank you Marilyn Young for bringing her communion for the last time. Thank you Amanda Christian for providing the beautiful music for her Auntie Jo.



Book of the Month for April: If you are looking for a *phenomenal book*, this is the must-read book for you! "Life Without Limits" is a true story of Nick Vujicic who was born without arms and legs. Nick is now an internationally successful motivational speaker eagerly spreading his central message. The message is that the most important goal for anyone is to find their life's purpose despite whatever difficulties or seemingly impossible odds stand in your way. Nick shares how his faith in God has been his major source of strength, and he explains that once he found a sense of purpose--inspiring others to better their lives and the

world around them--he found the confidence to build a rewarding and productive life without limits. This is a truly inspiring story and can be found in the **Nonfiction section** of the library.





And Who is My Neighbor? "Then an expert in the law stood up to test him, saying, 'Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' 'What is written in the law?' he asked him. 'How do you read it?' He answered, 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,' and 'your neighbor or as yourself.' 'You've answered correctly,' he told him. 'Do this and you will live.' But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbor?'" – Luke 10:25-29

If you've spent much time at all in the church, chances are high you are quite familiar with this text. This conversation between a lawyer and Jesus serves as the introduction to what is perhaps Jesus' most infamous parable: The Good Samaritan. Through this story Jesus challenges our basic assumptions about the definition of a neighbor. As a result, the church has for hundreds of years reminded the faithful that strangers the world over and even those who might otherwise be viewed as enemies are all our neighbors in the eyes of God. Therefore, we have the high and holy calling from God to love all people as ourselves.

But what about our physical neighbors? Has this aspiration to love all people caused us to miss out on the very real opportunity to know and love the people right around us? Recently I attended the Exponential Conference (www.exponential.org) in Orlando, Florida where I heard Jay Pathak speak in one of the workshops. Jay is a pastor in Denver, Colorado and the co-author of the book, *The Art of Neighboring*. He's suggested in his talk that the church would do well to return to what he called kindergarten level of neighboring.

To make his point, he asked us to draw out nine squares on a piece of paper in three rows of three. He instructed us to label the center box as our home. In each of the other boxes we were to right the names of the eight closest neighbors who lived in the homes around us in every direction. (Not the color or kind of car they drove or what house they lived in, but their names!) It didn't take long for the reality to sink in... almost no one could complete the task for all eight boxes. It turns out that research shows less than 2% of people can!

Friends, how can we begin to love our neighbors with the love of Jesus if we don't know the first thing about them, including their names? Sharing Jesus does not begin with some spiritualized conversation or questions about salvation. It starts with a simple introduction: "I don't believe we met yet..." What might happen if followers of Jesus placed a priority on getting to know and befriending the people God has placed in our immediate surroundings? I can only imagine the power that such authentic friendships would have in opening up future Gospel opportunities that were neither forced nor contrived. I pray that we can all recognize that our mission to be and make disciples begins at the place we call home and goes out from there.



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: February 1, 2022	\$203,058.06
TOTAL GF RECEIPTS:	\$50,149.81
OPERATING EXPENSES FOR MONTH:	
Benevolence	4,942.75
Outreach	13,010.09
Ministry Support	29.72
Worship Support	331.19
Office Support	934.97
Utilities	2,962.25
Supplies, Equip., Maintenance	9,141.83
Insurance	3,042.27
Miscellaneous Support	3,961.23
Staffing	22,459.11
TOTAL GF EXPENSES FOR MONTH:	\$60,815.41
ENDING BALANCE: February 28, 2022	\$192,392.46

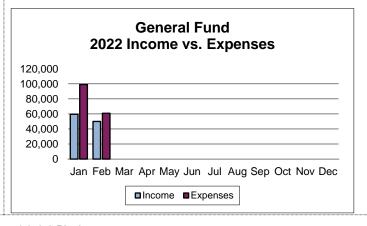


March A	ttendance
Our average weekly attendance	
for March 155.	
March 6th	162
March 13 th 155	
March 20th	148

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS FEBRUARY BALANCES

Total Mise Acets	\$118 313 32
Genie Fuhrman MM Schlrship	2,510.00
Spiritual Formation Fund	2,573.86
OSLC Mission Fund	1,439.57
Springfest Fund	648.00
OSLC Ministry Fund **	62,041.20
Memorial Fund	7,670.05
Youth Ministry Fund	11,012.43
Helping Hands Fund	11,840.32
Children's Ministry Fund	10,465.34
Building Maintenance Fund	8,112.55

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



COMMUNITY NEWS

FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN HERITAGE DAY CELEBRATION SUNDAY, APRIL 24TH BBQ PLATES, CAKE WALK, LIVE AUCTION, SILENT AUCTION, COUNTRY STORE

HYMN FESTIVAL FRIDAY, APRIL 29TH
7:00 PM AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

AROUND THE CHURCH FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND PRAYERS

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



We extend our deepest sympathy to...

- ...the family of Robert Horne
- ...the family of Josephine Cook
- ...the family of Cathy Finn
- ...Jason Eliot & family on the loss of his grandmother



We welcome our newest members:

Raymundo Moreno, Diana Pimentel and their sons; Raymundo Jr. & Fernando



Funeral services were held for:

Robert Horne Josephine Cook Cathy Finn



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



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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