

# JUNE 2022

OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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Sunday worship 8:00 & 10:30 am  
Pastor Lahahery "La" Andriamihaja  
Ministers: YOU!

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



Dear Saints of Our Saviour's,

If you are reading this, you are to be congratulated. Why? Because you've reached the halfway point of another trip around the sun. In other words, you've made it through the first five months of the year, 2022. Of course, you've reached this point of the journey many times before. However, you know as I do that many in our lives did not make it this far. So, I encourage you to take the time to remember and to give thanks

for them as you look forward to that grand day when we'll be resurrected and reunited with them all, in the very presence of our God and Savior. As you do that, remember to take the time and the opportunity to thank and to give God all the glory for his provision and protection over you up to this part of the trip around the sun. I, for one, am truly grateful to the Lord for your involvement and partnership in the Gospel of Jesus through the ministries you've been a part of in these last five months. We, as a congregation, may not be where we are today without you. What a testament to the presence and the power of the Holy Spirit that's at work in your life. Thank you. God be praised and glorified! Amen.

Now, as we step into the sixth month of this year, rounding the corner, as it were, to complete yet another trip around the sun, how great is it that the first Sunday of this month is Pentecost Sunday – the day we recall how the awesome gift of the Holy Spirit, promised by our Lord Jesus (John 14:16) and poured out from God upon the disciples and believers in Jerusalem (Acts 2:1-13), long ago. Ever since then, the unleashed Holy Spirit has been moving, working, and transforming lives in every corner of the globe, if not, throughout the universe. Well, on June 5<sup>th</sup> – Pentecost Sunday – I'll begin a new sermon series entitled, "*Possessed by...*" For three Sundays, God willing, I will address the what, where, when, why and how the Holy Spirit's presence and power works in you, in our congregation, and yes, in the world. I prayerfully hope that you will not miss this opportunity this month. I urge you to commit to worshiping with us each Sunday this month, and through the months ahead. It's important, both for your spiritual growth and wellbeing, and for our fellowship and partnership in the Lord.

Lastly, on behalf of the Team who'll be traveling to Kitale, Kenya, on June 21 through July 1, I covet your prayers for God's protection, provision, and presence to abide with us, throughout the trip. I look forward to sharing and presenting more about our trip to the congregation upon our safe return. Until then, please pray for us (*for: Darryl Kern, Hanta and I, Deborah Kern, and Jason, Lisa and Ryan Price*).

I look forward with joy and delight for the rest of our trip around the sun together. May the Son shine upon us as we live, serve, worship, and glorify Him in our daily living.

In God's unfathomable love,  
Pastor La Andriamihaja



Congratulations Kole! Kole Eliot has been selected as the very first recipient of the Genie Fuhrman Legacy Music Scholarship. Kole is an accomplished musician as well as a really nice person. He plans to begin a Bachelor of Music degree program in Music Studies, with an instrumental concentration this fall at Texas State University. The Scholarship Committee would like to thank Kole for completing the scholarship application package as well as the in-person interview. We also want to thank the congregation for their generosity in making this \$1000.00 award possible. We wish Kole all the best and continue to pray for God's guidance and protection over him. The Genie Fuhrman Legacy Music Scholarship Committee

OUR SAVIOUR'S MESSAGE

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REMINDER: The church office will be closed Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup> in observance of



**BEGINNING WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup>**

**SUMMER CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday thru Thursday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm**

**Office closed for lunch from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm**

**Office continues to be closed on Fridays**



We would like to extend congratulations to our 2022 High School Graduates:

Trinity Brown

Kole Eliot

Mary Katherine Henley

William Wright



If you know of any graduates we may have missed, please contact the office.

**OSLC LCMC TEXAS DISTRICT GATHERING AND LCMC NATIONAL GATHERING DELEGATES**

The LCMC Texas District Gathering is scheduled to be held here at Our Saviour's on July 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>. The LCMC National Gathering is scheduled to be held in Lakeville, MN, on October 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>. Again, this year, OSLC will select two delegates to attend each event. OSLC will provide appropriate financial reimbursement (associated LCMC Gathering registration fees, transportation, lodging and meals) for two OSLC Congregation members selected to be OSLC delegates. It has been past Council practice to rotate the OSLC delegates for these annual events.

If you are interested in being considered to be an OSLC delegate to either the LCMC Texas District Gathering or the LCMC National Gathering, please send your request to OSLC Council Secretary, Marilyn Young ([myoung@oslcvtoria.com](mailto:myoung@oslcvtoria.com)). Please have your request sent by Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup>.



The 2022 annual gathering of the LCMC Texas District will be held here at Our Saviour's. Our Saviour's will be co-hosting with First English Lutheran Church, therefore you have two great ministry opportunities. You can attend the annual gathering and volunteer.

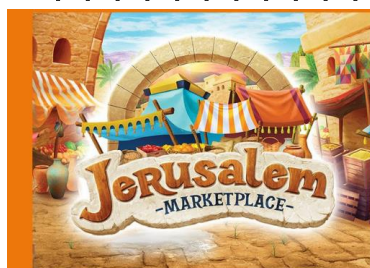
There are several different areas where volunteers are needed. Please visit the sign-up sheets in the Narthex to find where your gifts can best be used.

Youth Gathering (grades 6-12) is happening simultaneously.

All who attend and/or volunteer must register. The registration fee is \$20.

Registration is available online at [www.lcmctexas.org/annual-gathering](http://www.lcmctexas.org/annual-gathering). We can also help you register in the church office.

For more information contact Gina in the church office at 361-575-4305.



**VBS JUNE 26-30 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm**

**FOR 3 YEARS OLD - COMPLETED 5TH GRADE**

**First English Lutheran Church**

**516 N. Main 361-575-3623**

**Register online at: <https://vbspro.events/p/felcvbs2022>**

**FREE  
DINNER  
AT 5:30 PM**

# OUR SAVIOUR'S BURGERS AND BINGO

**\$10 PER PERSON**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 3 @ 6 PM IN MPR**

**SIGN-UP IN THE NARTHEX**



BINGO					
2	21	32	46	66	
15	30	44	58	70	
5	29	FREE SPOT	48	74	
6	16	33	52	68	
10	26	45	53	63	



Greetings CYF Families!

We are gearing up for a very busy summer. Camp is in just a week, followed by the rummage sale, VBS and ending with the LCMC Gathering at the end of July. These are all great opportunities for those who are eligible for Splashway tickets to earn their hours.

The Bible tells us that in everything we give to God, we should do so cheerfully, and not act out of obligation (2 Corinthians 9:7). I strongly believe that this refers to time as well as monetary donations. If we are stretching ourselves too thin, it is easy to become burnt out and resentful when offering our time to the ministry. Pace yourselves, set and maintain your boundaries. Know when to say no! If we approach something with disdain in our hearts, that will reflect in our work and will ultimately have the opposite effect of what we are trying to accomplish.

I am looking forward to JOYFULLY sharing in this summer's ministry opportunities with you all. And I hope to see you wherever the Holy Spirit leads you.

Many Blessings, Mrs. Susan

**VBS VOLUNTEERS** - This year, First English Lutheran Church (FELC) will be hosting our Jerusalem themed Vacation Bible School for ages 3 - completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade. It will be Sun., June 26<sup>th</sup> - Thursday, June 30<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm. If you would like to help in any way either by donating supplies, money, or your time, please see Mrs. Susan.

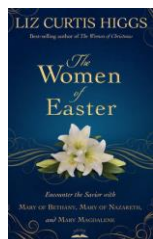


**RUMMAGE SALE** - Our second annual CYF Rummage Sale will be held June 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>. We are accepting donations through June 12<sup>th</sup>. Anyone who is wanting to help with set up, pricing, day(s) of, or clean up, please contact Susan Woodson or Rox Slaughter.

**2022 YOUTH GATHERING** - We are looking for adult chaperones to stay with the LCMC youth during our lock-in July 29<sup>th</sup>. Please see Mrs. Susan for more information.

Last month's puzzle answer was The Sea of Galilee. Congratulations to Cole Neil for being the first person to answer correctly. This month's puzzle is a fill in the blank Bible verse. Fill this out and return it to me IN PERSON. The first 2 people to turn these in will receive a gift card.

"For it is by \_\_\_\_\_ you have been saved, through \_\_\_\_\_ and this is not from yourselves, it is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God - not by \_\_\_\_\_, so that no one can boast." Ephesians 2:8-9



## NEW 8 WEEK BIBLE STUDY "WOMEN OF EASTER"

Wednesday mornings starting June 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am in the Christian Ed Building, enter thru Door E.

We will be learning how Jesus called three women to further his ministry.


















The books will be available in the Church Office beginning May 31<sup>st</sup>. Cost is \$10.00 each.

The first chapter needs to be read and 3 questions in the back answered.

We will "hit the ground running". I believe this book has the potential to deepen a women's relationship with Jesus. It has mine. I hope to see you there ~ Rhonda



# JUNE 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div>         </div> <div>        </div>						
<div>  </div> <div> <b>CHURCH EVENTS, DATES AND DETAILS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE</b> </div>						
5 Pentecost Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 am - Worship Service HOLY COMMUNION HELPING HANDS 9:15 am - Children & Youth Sunday School 9:15 am - Adult Bible Study Headwaters Campers Leave	6 8:00 am - Pastor's Advisory Team Meeting 9:00 am - Staff Meeting	7 9:30 am - Tabitha Quilting Ministry 5:30 pm - Ministry Leaders/Committee Meeting in Christian Ed Building Rivers Edge Campers Leave	8 9:30 am - Women of Easter Bible Study in Christian Ed Building 5:30 pm - Prayer in Chapel	9 12 noon - Pastor La's Revelation Bible Study	10 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	11 10:00 am - Life After Loss Support Group Headwaters Campers Return
12 8:00 & 10:30 am - Worship Service 9:15 am - Children & Youth Sunday School 9:15 am - Adult Bible Study Rivers Edge Campers Return	13 9:00 am - Staff Meeting 1:30 pm - Pantry Prep 5:00 pm - Executive Council Meeting	14 9:30 am - Tabitha Quilting Ministry 4:00 pm - Pantry Chapel Rented	15 9:30 am - Women of Easter Bible Study in Christian Ed Building 5:30 pm - Prayer in Chapel 6:30 pm - Confirmation	16 12 noon - Pastor La's Revelation Bible Study	17 8:00 am - 4:00 pm CYF Rummage Sale <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	18 8:00 am - 12:00 noon CYF Rummage Sale
19 Father's Day 8:00 & 10:30 am - Worship Service HOLY COMMUNION 9:15 am - Children & Youth Sunday School 9:15 am - Adult Bible Study HAPPY FATHER'S DAY	20 8:00 am - Pastor's Advisory Team Meeting 9:00 am - Staff Meeting	21 9:30 am - Tabitha Quilting Ministry 6:30 pm - Council Meeting	22 9:30 am - Women of Easter Bible Study in Christian Ed Building 5:30 pm - Prayer in Chapel	23 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	24 Sanctuary & MPR Unavailable	25 Sanctuary & MPR Rented
26 8:00 & 10:30 am - Worship Service 9:15 am - Children & Youth Sunday School 9:15 am - Adult Bible Study VBS at FELC 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm	27 9:00 am - Staff Meeting 1:30 pm - Pantry Prep VBS at FELC 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm	28 9:30 am - Tabitha Quilting Ministry 4:00 pm - Pantry VBS at FELC 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm	29 9:30 am - Women of Easter Bible Study in Christian Ed Building 5:30 pm - Prayer in Chapel VBS at FELC 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm	30 VBS at FELC 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm		

# 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 361-575-4305.

	USHER	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	ACOLYTE	LECTOR	GREETER	WELCOMER	WELCOME DESK	LEADER IN CHARGE
June 5 <sup>th</sup> 8:00 am	Royce Krueger Terry Krueger Steve Fiedler	Glenn Gisler Jean Gisler Joyce Cardinell	Cole Neill	Kim Neill	Kathleen Reimann Jan Jacob	Joyce Cardinell	Jean Huber	June 5 <sup>th</sup> Eden Yaklin June 12 <sup>th</sup> Hanta Andriamihaja June 19 <sup>th</sup> Glenn Gisler June 26 <sup>th</sup> Larry Henneke
10:30 am	Patty McGehee Michael Buchhorn Dena Buchhorn Elaine Thurman	Marilyn Young Doris Dold Brett Ckudre Eden Yaklin Pat DeDear	Hannah Morris		Marilyn Young Brett Ckudre	Christine Willis	Norma Lawrence	ALTAR GUILD Linda Mueller Jean Huber
June 12 <sup>th</sup> 8:00 am	Gerald Merks Glenn Gisler Mitchell Thurman		William Wright	Jean Gisler	Jean Gisler Janet Merks	Laura Wright	Linda Mueller	ALTAR FLOWERS June 5 <sup>th</sup> Linda Mueller June 12 <sup>th</sup> Dan & Lynna Briggs June 19 <sup>th</sup> Stephen Fuhrman June 26 <sup>th</sup> Nathan & Kim Neill
10:30 am	Tom Willis Christine Willis Darryl Kern Doris Dold		Arun Pickens		Pam Raley Billy Blanchard	Doris Dold	EJ Raley	
June 19 <sup>th</sup> 8:00 am	Dale Hoffmann Shirley Hoffmann Laura Johnston	Bob Stirnemann Libby Stirneman Jean Huber	Alex Johnston		Kathleen Reimann Jan Jacob	Joyce Cardinell	Jean Huber	
10:30 am	Randy Clark Sharon Kacir Billy Blanchard Jason Eliot	Michael Buchhorn Dena Buchhorn Pat DeDear Christine Willis Patty McGehee	Konor Eliot		Michael Buchhorn Dena Buchhorn	Christine Willis	EJ Raley	
June 26 <sup>th</sup> 8:00 am	Gerald Merks Glenn Gisler John Hersey		William Wright	Steve Fiedler	Jean Gisler Janet Merks	Laura Wright	Sally Hersey	
10:30 am	Hanta Andriamihaja Marilyn Young Debbie Krueger Kurtis Krueger		Haley Morris		Billy Blanchard Eden Yaklin	Doris Dold	Sharon Kacir	



## 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...**  
 ...Dena Buchhorn & family on the loss  
 of her mother



**Received in Holy Baptism:**  
 Jacob Charles Woodson,  
 son of Joe & Susan Woodson

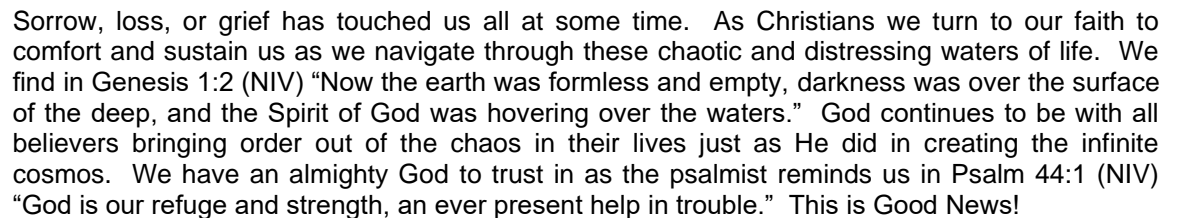
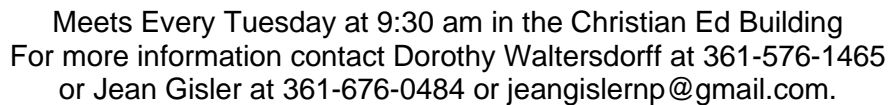
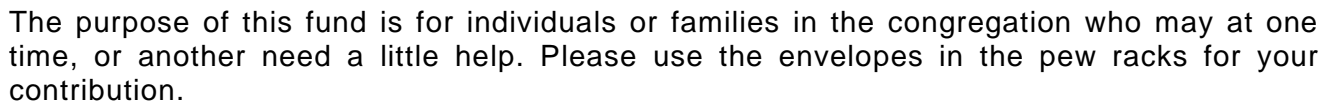


**Special Concerns:**  
 All those we hold dear in our hearts that are  
 facing a battle for good health, mind & spirit.

**Funeral services were held for:** Charlene Cumba

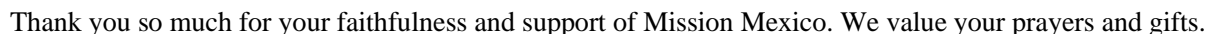
**Prayer is a strong wall and fortress of the church; it is a goodly Christian weapon. ~ Martin Luther**

Pastor La's Bible study meets every Thursday at 12 noon. Bring your Bible & lunch and join us in the Christian Ed Building. All are welcome. They are currently studying the book of Revelation through June 16<sup>th</sup>. They will take a break for the summer June 23<sup>rd</sup> through August 18<sup>th</sup>.



Continue to come close to God through His Word, through fellowship with other believers, and through sincere prayer. The OSLC library also has books to supplement your Christian journey. Such books as: *A Grief Observed*, *Beyond the Sorrow*, and *A Time to Mourn A Time to Dance* are available. Continue to draw close to God as He draws close to you.

**Book of the Month for June: Losing Cooper; Finding Hope to Grieve Well** by J.J. Jasper is an excellent true story account from the **Grief/Loss/Aging/Sorrow** section of our library. This true story account of the sudden and tragic loss of 5-year-old Cooper Jasper gives a gripping, heart wrenching description of the shock and horror of their loss. This book offers real hope to anyone experiencing troubles, trials, or tragedy. It shows how a strong Christian family deals with shock, loss, and grief from a Biblical perspective. If this were just their story it would be worth reading, but this is your roadmap to take you from the pit of despair to a place where you can say: "I am grieving well."



Thank you so much for your generous donation to VCam. We truly appreciate your support of our ministry.

On behalf of the staff of Lutheran World Relief 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 partnership with Global Health Ministries. Your support has made it possible to ship life changing equipment and supplies around the globe.

I would like to thank all those who participated in Tone Chimes this year: Abby Christian, Haley Morris, Hannah Morris, Arun Pickens, Konor Eliot, Hunter Jacob and Nicole Carter. I would also like to thank the parents for getting to them practices and other activities. Have a great summer! Mrs. Kern

# 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

<b>BEGINNING BALANCE: April 1, 2022</b>	<b>\$202,519.71</b>
<b>TOTAL GF RECEIPTS:</b>	<b>\$61,718.03</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES FOR MONTH:</b>	
Benevolence	6,006.12
Outreach	854.13
Youth & Children Ministries	1,785.50
Ministry Support	25.18
Music & Performance Ministry	525.00
Worship Support	841.41
Office Support	1,080.57
Utilities	3,145.99
Supplies, Equip., Maintenance	5,676.32
Insurance	3,042.27
Miscellaneous	8,198.21
Staffing	23,188.48
<b>TOTAL GF EXPENSES FOR MONTH:</b>	<b>\$54,569.18</b>
<b>ENDING BALANCE: April 30, 2022</b>	<b>\$209, 668.56</b>

## MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS APRIL BALANCES

Building Maintenance Fund	11,947.55
Children's Ministry Fund	10,505.34
Helping Hands Fund	12,532.32
Youth Ministry Fund	11,924.43
Memorial Fund	10,000.05
OSLC Ministry Fund **	61,900.79
Springfest Fund	7,182.55
OSLC Mission Fund	1,553.57
Spiritual Formation Fund	2,573.86
Genie Fuhrman MM Schlrship	3,374.00

**Total Misc. Accts. \$133,494.46**

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

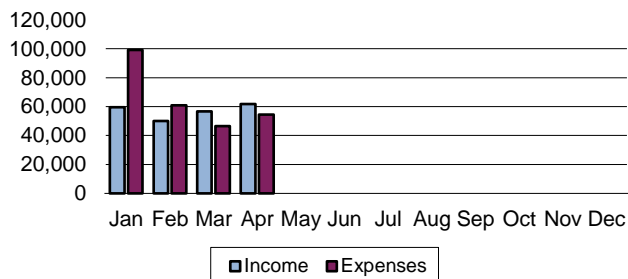


### May Attendance

Our average weekly attendance  
for May 143.

May 1 <sup>st</sup>	176
May 8 <sup>th</sup>	155
May 15 <sup>th</sup>	104
May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	139

### General Fund 2022 Income vs. Expenses



**Mission Moment**

by Pastor Bryce Formwalt  
Director of Mission Growth



**Think Like a Missionary** - I have the distinct privilege of teaching the Church Planting & Revitalization course for Harvest Workers, our online ministry training program. Recently, my first two students successfully completed the course. It was an absolute joy to teach them, mostly because I had a front row seat to watch them grow!

Every Harvest Workers course has a list of expected demonstrated competencies that we hope to observe in all students by the end of each class. For my class, there are several specific areas that I have listed. As I supported these first students through the course, I discovered that there is a single, over-arching hope that summarizes all that I desire for my students: that each begins to think like a missionary.

Missionaries the world over strive to bring the life-giving Gospel of Jesus Christ to people who have no idea that it is at all necessary or relevant for their lives. Some may have never heard of Jesus before while others may be familiar but have either rejected the faith or have yet to respond. Either way, missionaries need to figure out how they can meaningfully connect and communicate with those outside of faith in Jesus Christ.

They begin asking new questions: How can I position myself to develop authentic relationships with those who need Jesus? How can I learn the language and the culture to be able to understand others and communicate more effectively? How can I be a genuine friend to someone without he or she feeling like an evangelistic target? What would it look like to be a part of God's activity to build his kingdom here in this community as it is in heaven? How can I ensure that my words or actions are not hindering the Gospel message?

As these missionary thoughts begin to take root in one's heart and mind, it is only natural to begin thinking missionally about the church. Concerns about satisfying the desires and preferences of church members fade into the background as the mission to reach lost people takes precedence. Missionaries begin to ask challenging questions that compel the church to examine their worship, programming, and activities.

Imagine what might happen if all churches started to think missionally and began asking these questions: How are we leveraging our day-to-day ministries to build authentic relationships with those who need Jesus? How can we learn the language and the culture of others to better understand and communicate with them? How can our church join Jesus in his kingdom building activity here in our community? How can we eliminate any hurdles and barriers to hearing the Gospel? Remember that Jesus came to seek and to save the lost.

"I tell you, in the same way, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents..." - Luke 15:7



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