# OCTOBER 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

Saints: YOU!



In October of 1517, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther, then a teacher and a Roman Catholic monk, published a document he called *Disputation on the Power of Indulgences*, or commonly known as The 95 Theses. On the eve of All Saints Day, October 31st, 1517 Luther took his 95 grievances against the false teachings of his beloved Catholic Church and nailed them to the door of a church in Wittenberg, Germany. According to Church historians, that very act launched the Protestant Reformation of the 16<sup>th</sup> century. As a result, we celebrate this month that transformational event as Lutherans, and we continue to give thanks to God for the Holy

Spirit that led and enlightened Martin Luther to the power of the Gospel. For today and into the future, Our Saviour's Lutheran Church (OSLC) shall continue to express, live by, and practice her Christian faith through the lens of Lutheranism. Of this, we neither apologize nor retreat.

So, 505 years later, in honor of our Reformation tradition, we shall celebrate our Lutheran heritage by doing something different from what we've always done on Reformation Sunday. This year, on Sun., Oct. 30th we shall come together to worship the Lord our God at Riverside Park - by the Rose Garden - at 9:30 a.m. This worship service will be followed by a "good old fashion Church Picnic" in the park, which promises to be a great time of fellowship with Our Saviour's family. To this end, mark your calendars, make a list of all the people you will invite, and stay tuned for more info and instructions from the Fellowship Committee on the logistics of this grand day. I look forward to seeing and being with y'all then.

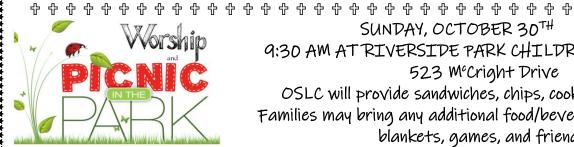
Now, in the spirit of Martin Luther having written down his 95 Theses (or grievances), it's been brought to my attention that there are some in the congregation who question and are concerned about the ways, the practices, and the reasons as to how we're doing ministries at OSL. And since these questions and concerns have not gotten to me directly, I offer the following method to give voice and to rightly address these questions and concerns that pertain to our congregation.

Starting on Sunday, October. 2<sup>nd</sup>, I'll have a stack of 3"X5" index cards on the Welcome Desk, in the Narthex. They are there for you to use if you have a question(s), concern(s), complaint(s) and/or praise(s) and thanksgiving(s). Take one, or more of the cards and write down - as clearly and as legibly as possible – your questions and concerns. When you're done, place the card(s) in the locked box on the Welcome Desk, labeled: "Listening Post". The cards will be gathered each week by Mr. Gerald Merks, the president of the Council and congregation, and he'll give them to me. I will study the guestions/concerns/comments and will answer them in the following month's Newsletter, provided I receive them by the 20th of each month.

Please note, names are optional on these cards, and only questions that relate to the operations and ministries of our congregation will be addressed.

Friends, I look forward to hearing from you through this "Listening Post" method. I pray that this will help strengthen and empower us all, in faith and in life, even if a reformation is asked of us.

May the abiding presence of God, through His Holy Spirit, guide, protect and sustain you in faith, in life, and in service of our Lord and Savior. Amen.



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30TH

9:30 AM ATRIVERSIDE PARK CHILDREN'S PAVILION 523 McCright Drive

OSLC will provide sandwiches, chips, cookies, and water. Families may bring any additional food/beverages, lawn chairs, blankets, games, and friends.

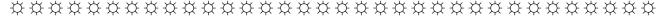
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### CONSECRATION SUNDAY

Consecration Sunday will be held on Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. You should have received a letter in the mail with your 2023 "Estimate of Giving" pledge card. If you are unable to be present in worship, please take the time to mail your card into the church office. The effectiveness of our church's mission and ministries next year depends on your initiative and dedication.

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**Preview the 2023 Budget:** The congregation will be asked to vote on the 2023 budget proposal at the annual congregational meeting on Sunday, November 13, 2022. Information on the budget and other business items will be mailed to each member household prior to this meeting. Sally Hersey, OSL Financial Administrator, will offer budget informational presentations in the Conference Room, twice before the annual congregational meeting. The presentations will be held on Sundays, October 23<sup>rd</sup> and November 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 am. The budget presentations are expected to last about 45 minutes, depending on questions. Preregistration is not required.



### ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13th

(following 2<sup>nd</sup> service) in OSL Multi-Purpose Room join us for a catered lunch. The purpose of the meeting is to submit the 2023 budget for approval & elect new council members. Please make every effort to attend this important meeting.

Watch your mailbox for the official agenda and all handouts needed for this meeting.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup>
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
FREE ADMISSION, FUN & GAMES
PAID CONCESSIONS

Halloween Costumes are optional

The Congregation is asked to help by donating items/monetary gifts and volunteering at the event. Please stop by the table in the Narthex to sign-up.

For more information contact, Susan Woodson at 361-648-0036.



### WOMEN OF THE WORD

**W.O.W.** – Will meet on Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the MPR for a meal, fellowship, meeting, and devotional time. All ladies of Our Saviour's are invited to attend.

### OSL MINISTRY LEADERS MEETING ON THE 1<sup>ST</sup> TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm in the Christian Ed Building.





### HELPING HANDS OFFERING SUNDAY – October 2<sup>ND</sup>

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 jeangislernp@gmail.com.

Tabitha Quilting Ministry is in need of flat bed sheets and COTTON fabric for quilt making.

Any color or pattern is fine. No knits-it must be all cotton.

Please leave fabric in the church office, and we will pick it up there.



Greetings OSL Families! While I usually reserve this space to encourage and uplift the Children, Youth and Families of our church, this month will be a little different. Although this subject matter will certainly make some uncomfortable, I feel it is important to the wellbeing of our families to address it.

According to the Youth Risk Behavioral Surveillance System, there are an estimated 3,703 teens and young adults who attempt suicide in a day, somewhere in America. That is an alarming number! Even more alarming is the fact that suicide is the second leading cause of death in 15-24 year-olds. There has also been a dramatic increase in those ages 10-14 committing suicide. One study found that 20% of High School students in the US have reported thoughts of and made a plan for taking their life.

Unfortunately, mental health crises do not discriminate between Christians and non. We, as people of God, are still susceptible to things like depression, anxiety, and even thoughts of suicide. In fact, there are many instances of this in the Bible. The prophet Elijah felt alone, isolated, and even prayed that God would take his life. In 2 Samuel, we hear about the soul crushing grief that King David felt after the death of his sons. And Jeremiah constantly struggled with anxiety, feelings of inadequacy, defeat, and loneliness. My point is, so many of the ones who came before us have struggled with mental health issues that many of us and our children are struggling with today. God's people are not immune to these feelings and thoughts.

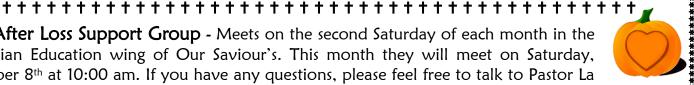
Whether the increase we've seen the past few decades is due to social media, increased expectations, or simply because we are more aware of the problem, we must, as a church address this issue. It is our duty, as lovers of Christ to help our brothers and sisters in need. I will be beginning a 4-week mental health Bible study on Wednesday, October 19th from 5PM-5:45PM in the High School room in hopes to equip our parents, students, and congregation members to better fight this battle. I invite all who share my worries and concerns to attend, or if you yourself are struggling with mental health. I would like to make it clear that this is not just for students or parents-but for anyone in the congregation who has been affected by mental illnesses. I will have biblical resources as well as professional resources for anyone who wishes to utilize them. I pray that if this message has touched your heart, you will join me.

If you or someone you know is struggling or in crisis, help is available. Call or text 988 or chat 988lifeline.org to reach the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline.

PUZZLES & GAMES ~ October 30th, we will celebrate Reformation Sunday. What church did Martin Luther nail his 95 Theses to the front door of?

The first 4 students to answer will receive a \$10 gift card. Last month's answer: Turning water into wine.

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, October 8th at 10:00 am. If you have any questions, please feel free to talk to Pastor La or Stephen Fuhrman.





Join us on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 pm in the Chapel as we pray for our church, community, and world.

**PRAYER CHAIN** – If you need to add someone to the prayer chain, please contact Pat DeDear at 361-676-5087 or the church office at 361-575-4305. Pat will then communicate the request by telephone to the prayer chain. Pat will also contact Debbie Krueger, who will then distribute the request electronically through email.

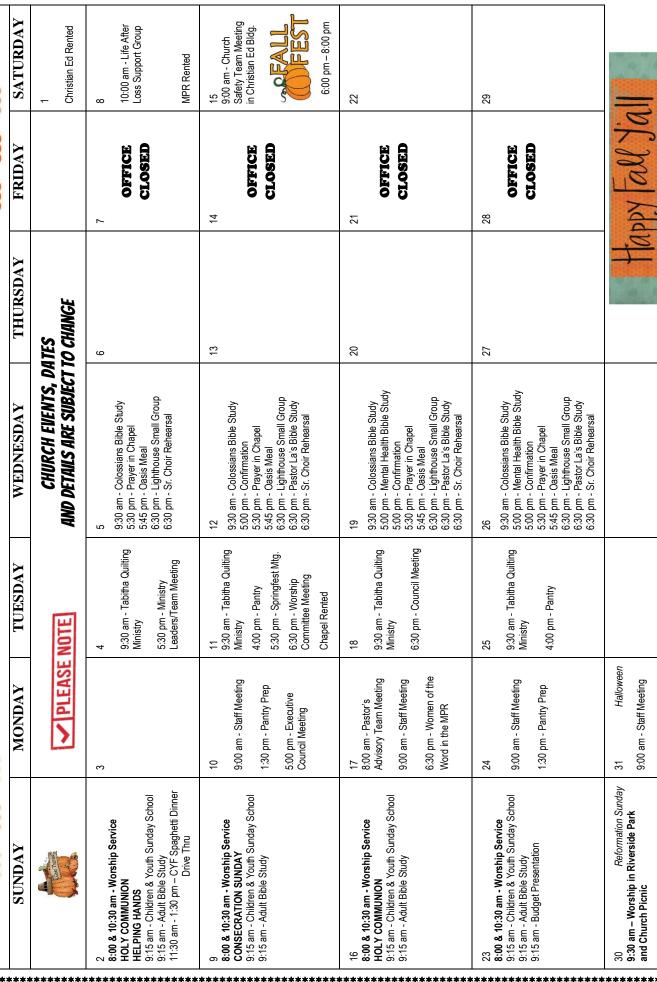




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# **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

Below is the schedule of worship assistants for this month.

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. We will provide training and instruction to those who have not already received this information.



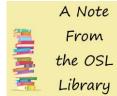
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Oct. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dale Hoffmann	Royce Krueger	Cole Neill	Kim Neill	Royce Krueger	Joyce	Linda	Oct. 2 <sup>nd</sup>
8:00 am	Shirley Hoffmann	Terry Krueger			Terry Krueger	Cardinell	Mueller	Marilyn Young
	Mitchell Thurman	Joyce Cardinell						Oct. 9 <sup>th</sup>
10:30 am	Tom Willis	EJ Raley	Arun		Lisa Price	Pam Raley	EJ Raley	Larry Henneke **
	Sharon Kacir	Pam Raley	Pickens		Patty McGehee			Oct. 16 <sup>th</sup>
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10:30 am	Randy Clark		Haley		Diana Pimentel	Doris Dold	Norma	***
	Patty McGehee		Morris		Sharon Kacir		Lawrence	ALTAR GUILD **
	Gary Mueller							Shirley Burris
	Elaine Thurman							Nell Bush
Oct. 16 <sup>th</sup>	Laura Johnston	Glenn Gisler	Alex		Dale Hoffmann	Joyce	Linda	Linda Mueller
8:00 am	Royce Krueger	Jean Gisler	Johnston		Shirley Hoffmann	Cardinell	Mueller	**:
	Terry Krueger	Joyce Cardinell						***
10:30 am	Kurtis Krueger	Marilyn Young	Arun		Brett Ckodre	Pam Raley	EJ Raley	ALTAR FLOWERS
	Debbie Krueger	Doris Dold	Pickens		Eden Yaklin			Oct. 2 <sup>nd</sup> **
	Kase Eliot	Brett Ckodre						Alan Carroll
	Jason Eliot	Pat DeDear						Oct. 9 <sup>th</sup>
7		Eden Yaklin						Elaine Smith
Oct. 23"	John Hersey		Hunter		Jan Jacob	Laura Wright	Jean Huber	Oct. 16"
8:00 am	Sally Hersey		Jacob		Kathleen Reimann			Don & Doreen Atkinson
	Bobby Jacob							Oct. 23 <sup>rd</sup>
10:30 am	Hanta Andriamihaja		Konor Eliot		Sharon Kacir	Doris Dold	Norma	Gerald & Janet Merks
	Michael Buchhorn				Billy Blanchard		Lawrence	Oct. 30"
	Dena Buchhorn							Larry Volkmer
20th	Danyi Clark							
t. 30 9:30 am	Railidy Clair Jason Eliot							
Worship	Marilyn Young							
in the park	Darryl Kern							,

CARD MINISTRY ~ If you know of someone who could use a get well or sympathy card, please contact Doris Dold at 361-574-8585 or dedold@suddenlink.net. We have recently added cards for milestone birthdays 75 & up and wedding anniversaries 60th & up. 

### Thanksgiving Outreach Dinner November 19th

Fall is in the air, and we are starting to plan our Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner. If you would like to volunteer or make a donation, please contact Pat DeDear at 676-5087.





**Book of the Month for October:** From the **Nonfiction Section** you can find the very moving true story of author **Frank Peretti** in his book titled "The Wounded Spirit". Peretti frequently writes books about spiritual warfare but this time, Peretti examines the pain we have all encountered through our childhood into adult life as we have either been bullied or were doing the bullying. He examines the cruelty of such activity and the lifelong pain and sorrow many hold throughout life. He addresses the guilt of having been the bully!

This book is so raw with emotion, we can all identify with it! With poignant personal insight, he shows us the way to heal the wounded spirit that lies within us all. Every educator, boss, coworker and public servant who mingles with others should read this and take a lesson from it.







**Does Size Really Matter? -** "Everything is bigger in Texas." "Bigger is better." "Do you want to SuperSize that?"

We live in a size-obsessed culture in so many ways. The assumption is often made that bigger organizations are always more able to do and accomplish what smaller organizations simply cannot. While there are

certainly examples of this, it isn't always the case. The primary difference is scale: larger organizations seem to accomplish more due to the scale at which they can effect change. Smaller organizations, however, typically can make a greater proportional impact on a smaller scale. The problem is that smaller organizations frequently assume that they cannot make much of a difference and regularly do not even attempt to do so.

Why does this matter for the church? We believe God is calling us to "Multiply Disciples and Churches" as Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ here in Texas. As I travel about the Texas District and have conversations with pastors and church leaders, I encounter a common assumption that church planting is an activity for either church bodies or mega churches. As an association of congregations, we are committed to congregational mission. The most effective model for planting new churches is when they are parented by one or more congregations that are actively involved in the new mission effort. Since the typical congregation in Texas has a worship attendance of around 65 or 70 people, most believe that they are far too small to do such a big thing as to plant a church.

But this simply is not the case. When it comes to church planting, churches of every size can and have successfully reproduced for Kingdom impact! While it is true that larger churches typically have more capacity of people, leadership, and resources, mostly this impacts the scale at which they can plant churches as compared to a smaller congregation. It might surprise you that statistically speaking, congregations of 200 to 500 people have proven to be the most effective at planting churches that reach unreached people in North America. Church planting is not exclusively for mega churches!

So does size really matter? Not so much when it comes to planting churches. What matters far more is the faith of the church planting church! Remember the words of Jesus in Matthew 17:20, "For truly I tell you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will tell this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."

I would like to invite you and your congregation to a conversation and engage in prayerful dialog with God and one another. Ask: "What could it look like for our congregation to engage in church planting?" Remember, nothing is impossible with God!



Dear Our Saviour's Lutheran, thank you for allowing us to use your building to train up our children in the way they should go. We really appreciate you stepping up on our behalf. Kelly Lockey, Classical Conversation

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.

Thank you so much for your very generous donation to VCAM. Your gift allows us to help community members who are in need.

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

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



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: August 1, 2022</b>	\$216,834.14
TOTAL GF RECEIPTS:	\$54,799.59
OPERATING EXPENSES FOR MONTH:	_
Benevolence	5,346.67
Outreach	382.00
Youth & Children Ministries	25.99
Ministry Support	516.56
Worship Support	108.97
Office Support	563.45
Utilities	5,180.89
Supplies, Equip., Maintenance	5,585.89
Insurance	2,954.57
Miscellaneous Support	3,542.45
Staffing	22,942.27
TOTAL GF EXPENSES FOR MONTH:	\$47,149.71
<b>ENDING BALANCE: August 31, 2022</b>	\$224,484.02

### Attendance

Our average weekly attendance for September is 162.

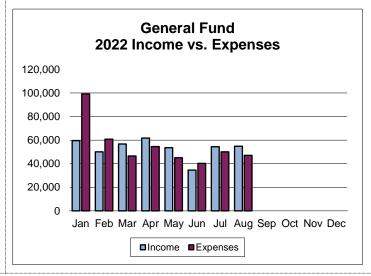


September Attendance	
September 4 <sup>th</sup>	142
September 11 <sup>th</sup>	158
September 18 <sup>th</sup>	186

# MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS AUGUST BALANCES

Building Maintenance Fund	8,858.97
Children's Ministry Fund	10,825.34
Helping Hands Fund	6,298.82
Youth Ministry Fund	9,025.80
Memorial Fund	6,730.05
OSLC Ministry Fund **	62,831.36
Springfest Fund	3,219.20
OSLC Mission Fund	1,589.57
Spiritual Formation Fund	2,573.86
Genie Fuhrman MM Schlrship	2,374.00
Total Misc. Accts.	\$114,326,97

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



### 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:

Lane Johnston Becky Linville



### We extend our deepest sympathy to...

- ...Sharon Kacir on the loss of her brother-in-law
- ...Dena Buchhorn on the loss of her cousin



# With our prayers for a speedy recovery, these folks were listed in the hospital:

Anna Prukop



### Change of address:

Pastor La & Hanta Andriamihaja 202 King Arthur Victoria, Tx 77904



### Received in Holy Baptism:

Dominic Benson Ozuna & Ariana Elise Ozuna, children of Eric & Jessica Ozuna and grandchildren of Tom & Kathy Ozuna.



### We welcome our newest members:

Carl & Lisa Stoeltje



Sunday, October 9th at 11:00 am

Chicken BBQ Dinner, Live & Silent Auction, and Kid's Games

# ZION LUTHERAN FISH FRY Saturday, October 29th at 5:00 pm

\$12 per plate dine in or pick up, Raffle Drawing, and Silent Auction



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