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



P.S. No Bible study on Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.



Dear Families, I hope everyone is as excited as I am for the upcoming holiday season. Thanksgiving is one of my favorite holidays (next to Christmas, of course). It's a time to reflect on all my many blessings and give thanks to our God for all He does in my life and allows me to do in His name. This year, I am especially thankful for each of you who have supported me and the CYF ministry. I am thankful for all the Spirit led events and activities that this

ministry has been apart of; from camp to the discipleship retreat, God has made His presence known. What an amazing gift! I am thankful for all that God is using me to be and to do in the lives of others. Few things bring me more joy than the satisfaction of doing the Lord's work. As we are coming to an end of this year and looking to the next, I hope that I will be used in even more ways to bring God's words into action. It has certainly not come without hard work and steadfast prayer, but those are small prices to pay for being an instrument of Jesus. I hope that you will join me in my sentiment of thankfulness and be prayerful about what we could do in the next year.

**PANCAKES:** We would like to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone in the congregation who has supported the CYF Ministry in 2022. We couldn't have done it without your help, money, and prayer. To show our appreciation, we will be serving pancakes and orange juice on November 20<sup>th</sup> between our services. This is a free breakfast to all members, so please come hungry.

**CHRISTMAS CRAFTS STORE** will be open in Room 108 in the Children's Wing during the Sunday School hour beginning Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. These are crafts made by the CYF and would make great Christmas presents! All proceeds will go towards Christmas activities for the children and youth so please consider stopping by and browsing our selection. New inventory will be added weekly.

**GOT TALENT?** Show it off at this year's variety show during the Congregation Christmas Party on December 9<sup>th</sup>. See Susan W. for more information.

**CALENDAR DATES:**

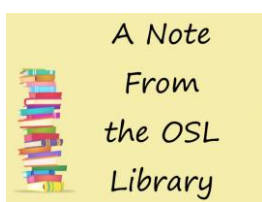
- November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm - 5:30 pm in the Highschool Room (Mental Health Bible Study)
- November 5<sup>th</sup> 11:00 am - 1:00 pm CYF Craft Making in Christian Ed Building (lunch included)
- November 7<sup>th</sup> 5:30 PM CYF Committee Meeting
- November 20<sup>th</sup> 9:15 am - 10:00 am Pancake appreciation breakfast
- November 27<sup>th</sup> Christmas Craft Store



**PUZZLES & GAMES:** Last month's answer: The Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. This month's question: How many stones did David pick up before approaching Goliath? The first 4 students to give me the answer will receive a \$10 dollar gift card.



**VBS 2023 is scheduled for June 25<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Susan W. at (361)-648-0036.**



**Book of the Month for November:** You may recognize Philip Yancey as the author of such books as *The Jesus I Never Knew* and *How Thirteen Unlikely Mentors Helped My Faith Survive the Church*. This memoir, *Where The Light Fell*, is his memoir explaining how his very dysfunctional family impacted his life. Raised by an impoverished widow in Atlanta in the 1950s who earned room and board money as a Bible teacher. When Yancey was in college, he uncovered a shocking secret about his father's death—a secret that began to illuminate the motivations that drove his mother to strident religious convictions and a belief that her sons had been born for a divine cause. This novel is a gripping family narrative set against a turbulent time in post-World War II America, shaped by the collision of Southern fundamentalism with the mounting pressures of the civil rights movement and sixties-era forces of social change. In piecing together his fragmented personal history and his search for redemption, Yancey gives testament to the enduring power of our hunger for truth, and the possibility of faith rooted in grace instead of fear.





# NOVEMBER 2022




| SUNDAY  | MONDAY  | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY                     | SATURDAY   |
|---|---|--|--|---|----------------------------|--|
| <br>6 All Saints Day/Day Light Savings Time Ends<br>8:00 & 10:30 am - Worship Service<br>HOLY COMMUNION<br>HELPING HANDS<br>9:15 am - Children & Youth Sunday School<br>9:15 am - Adult Bible Study<br>9:15 am - Budget Presentation | 7<br>8:00 am - Pastor's Advisory Team Meeting<br>9:00 am - Staff Meeting<br>1:30 pm - Pantry Prep<br>5:00 pm - Executive Council Meeting<br>5:30 pm - CYF Committee Meeting | 1<br>9:30 am - Tabitha Quilting Ministry<br>5:30 pm - Ministry Leaders Meeting | 2<br>9:30 am - Colossians Bible Study<br>5:00 pm - Mental Health Bible Study<br>5:00 pm - Confirmation<br>5:30 pm - Prayer in Chapel<br>5:45 pm - Oasis Meal<br>6:30 pm - Lighthouse Small Group<br>6:30 pm - Pastor La's Bible Study<br>6:30 pm - Sr. Choir Rehearsal | 3<br>MPR Unavailable  | 4<br><b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>  | 5<br>Reminder: Fall Back 1 hour before you go to bed!<br>11:00 am - 1:00 pm<br>CYF Craft Making & Lunch in the Christian Ed Building |
| 13<br>8:00 & 10:30 am - Worship Service<br>9:15 am - Children & Youth Sunday School<br>9:15 am - Adult Bible Study<br>11:45 am - Congregational Meeting with Meal   | 14<br>9:00 am - Staff Meeting   | 15<br>9:30 am - Tabitha Quilting Ministry<br>6:30 pm - Council Meeting         | 16<br>9:30 am - Colossians Bible Study<br>5:00 pm - Confirmation<br>5:30 pm - Prayer in Chapel<br>5:45 pm - Oasis Meal<br>6:30 pm - Lighthouse Small Group<br>6:30 pm - Pastor La's Bible Study<br>6:30 pm - Sr. Choir Rehearsal                                       | 17<br>MPR Unavailable   | 18<br>MPR Unavailable      | 19<br>5:00 pm - 7:00 pm<br>Community Thanksgiving Meal   |
| 20<br>Christ The King<br>8:00 & 10:30 am - Worship Service<br>HOLY COMMUNION<br>9:15 am - Children & Youth Sunday School<br>9:15 am - Adult Bible Study<br>9:15 am - CYF Pancake Appreciation Breakfast<br>6:30 pm - Community Thanksgiving Service at First English Lutheran Church                                    | 21<br>8:00 am - Pastor's Advisory Team Meeting<br>9:00 am - Staff Meeting<br>1:30 pm - Pantry Prep<br>6:00 pm - Women of the Word in the MPR                                | 22<br>9:30 am - Tabitha Quilting Ministry<br>4:00 pm - Pantry                  | 23<br><b>OFFICE CLOSED</b><br>There will be no Wednesday night activities the week of Thanksgiving   | 24<br>Thanksgiving<br><b>OFFICE CLOSED</b><br>Happy Thanksgiving  | 25<br><b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> | 26<br>10:00 am - Church Christmas Decorating   |
| 27<br>1st Sunday in Advent<br>8:00 & 10:30 am - Worship Service<br>9:15 am - Children & Youth Sunday School<br>9:15 am - Adult Bible Study<br>Christmas Crafts Store Open 9:15 am - 10:15 am  | 28<br>9:00 am - Staff Meeting   | 29<br>9:30 am - Tabitha Quilting Ministry                                      | 30<br>9:30 am - Colossians Bible Study<br>5:00 pm - Confirmation<br>5:30 pm - Prayer in Chapel<br>5:45 pm - Oasis Meal<br>6:30 pm - Lighthouse Small Group<br>6:30 pm - Pastor La's Bible Study<br>6:30 pm - Sr. Choir Rehearsal                                       | <div> <b>PLEASE NOTE</b><br/><b>CHURCH EVENTS, DATES AND DETAILS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE</b></div> |                            |  |
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# WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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   | CHURCH SAFETY TEAM                | LEADER IN CHARGE  |
|----------------------------------|---|---|---------------|---------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| Nov. 6 <sup>th</sup><br>8:00 am  | Royce Krueger<br>Terry Krueger<br>Bobby Jacob                               | Bob Stirneman<br>Libby Stirneman<br>Jean Huber                                  | Hunter Jacob  | Susan Woodson | Jan Jacob<br>Kathleen Reimann   | Joyce Cardinell | Jean Huber     | Dale Hoffmann<br>Mitchell Thurman | Nov. 6 <sup>th</sup><br>Sharon Kacir<br>Nov. 13 <sup>th</sup><br>Pam Raley  |
| 10:30 am                         | Diana Pimentel<br>Raymundo Moreno<br>Raymundo Moreno, Jr<br>Fernando Moreno | Michael Buchhorn<br>Dena Buchhorn<br>Kathy Ozuna<br>Lisa Price<br>Patty McGehee | Arun Pickens  |               | Lisa Price<br>Patty McGehee     | Pam Raley       | EJ Raley       | Bruce Jank<br>Brett Ckudre        | Nov. 20 <sup>th</sup><br>Gerald Merks<br>Nov. 27 <sup>th</sup><br>Glenn Gisler<br>Dec. 4 <sup>th</sup><br>Terry Krueger   |
| Nov. 13 <sup>th</sup><br>8:00 am | Gerald Merks<br>John Hersey<br>Sally Hersey                                 |   | Cole Neill    | Kim Neill     | Janet Merks<br>Terry Krueger    |                 | Linda Mueller  | Gerald Merks<br>Royce Krueger     |   |
| 10:30 am                         | Doris Dold<br>Patty McGehee<br>Gary Mueller<br>Billy Blanchard              |   | Haley Morris  |               | Diana Pimentel<br>Sharon Kacir  | Doris Dold      | Norma Lawrence | Stephen Fuhrman<br>Linda Sonntag  | ALTAR GUILD<br>Jeanette Turek<br>Darlene Meyer<br>Patty McGehee   |
| Nov. 20 <sup>th</sup><br>8:00 am | Laura Johnston<br>Mitchell Thurman<br>Steve Fiedler                         | Royce Krueger<br>Terry Krueger<br>Joyce Cardinell                               | Alex Johnston | Steve Fiedler | Royce Krueger<br>Terry Krueger  | Joyce Cardinell | Jean Huber     | Kurtis Krueger<br>Debbie Krueger  |   |
| 10:30 am                         | Sharon Kacir<br>Michael Buchhorn<br>Dena Buchhorn<br>Elaine Thurman         | Marilyn Young<br>Doris Dold<br>Brett Ckudre<br>Pat DeDear<br>Janine Rothmann    | Arun Pickens  |               | Brett Ckudre<br>Doris Dold      | Pam Raley       | EJ Raley       | Buck Dabney<br>Steve Fiedler      | ALTAR FLOWERS<br>Nov. 6 <sup>th</sup><br>Ann Gaskamp<br>Nov. 13 <sup>th</sup><br>Kathleen Reimann<br>Nov. 20 <sup>th</sup><br>Eden Yaklin<br>Nov. 27 <sup>th</sup><br>Marilyn Young<br>Dec. 4 <sup>th</sup><br>Jason & Gina Eliot |
| Nov. 27 <sup>th</sup><br>8:00 am | Dale Hoffmann<br>Shirley Hoffmann<br>Bobby Jacob                            |   | Hunter Jacob  | Diane Dabney  | Jan Jacob<br>Kathleen Reimann   |                 | Linda Mueller  | Ronnie Wolter<br>Raymundo Moreno  |   |
| 10:30 am                         | Diana Pimentel<br>Raymundo Moreno<br>Raymundo Moreno, Jr<br>Fernando Moreno |   | Hannah Morris |               | Sharon Kacir<br>Billy Blanchard | Laura Wright    | Norma Lawrence | Randy Clark<br>Lewis Keith        |   |
| Dec. 4 <sup>th</sup><br>8:00 am  | Steve Fiedler<br>Mitchell Thurman<br>Royce Krueger                          | Glenn Gisler<br>Jean Gisler<br>Jean Huber                                       | Cole Neill    | Kim Neill     | Jean Gisler<br>Terry Krueger    | Joyce Cardinell | Jean Huber     |                                   | Happy Thanksgiving!<br>  |
| 10:30 am                         | Tom Willis<br>Randy Clark<br>Kurtis Krueger<br>Debbie Krueger               | EJ Raley<br>Pam Raley<br>Kathy Ozuna<br>Lisa Price<br>Patty McGehee             | Arun Pickens  |               | Lisa Price<br>Patty McGehee     | Pam Raley       | EJ Raley       |                                   |   |

**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](mailto:dedold@suddenlink.net).

## WOMEN OF THE WORD



**W.O.W.** – Will meet on Monday, November 21<sup>st</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, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 pm in the Christian Ed Building.



## HELPING HANDS OFFERING SUNDAY – November 6<sup>TH</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.

**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, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. If you have any questions, please feel free to talk to Pastor La or Stephen Fuhrman.



# PRAYER

they all joined together  
CONSTANTLY IN PRAYER

**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.



**Mission  
Moment**

by Pastor Bryce Formwalt  
Director of Mission Growth



**HARVEST  
WORKERS**

**Competition or Cooperation?** Since the earliest days of the church, followers of Jesus have struggled with division and disunity, so it does not come as a surprise when we encounter it in the church today. It is common for me to visit a church and hear members speak with envy about what the other churches in their community are doing. And I get it: I have spent countless hours strategizing how my church could gain in "market share" so to speak! Too often we view our church in competition with others.

It is easy to see how this disunity and division must grieve God, especially the attitudes that seek gains for one congregation at the expense of another! But I also see that God may be at work in a mysterious way through our earthly divisions. I profess a Lutheran faith because I believe it to be faithful and true as I read scripture. But I also know faithful Methodists, Baptists, Catholics, Anglicans, and others who would earnestly say the same thing about their faith. And I do not think that it is God's desire that we lock ourselves in a room together until we have hashed out an agreed upon faith so that there would be just one church on earth! Instead, the diversity of the church might be a part of God's plan to reach the masses.

Christian author Ed Stetzer is famous for saying that it will take all kinds of churches to reach all kinds of people. And while I still hold to the truth of our Lutheran faith, Stetzer makes a point that is worth paying attention to. What if churches stopped viewing one another as competition? What if we started to see that together we are on the same team and each playing a different role towards a common goal? What if the prize to be won were the unchurched instead of the "other-churched?" What if Christian communities celebrated one another's kingdom victories instead of being jealous of them?

Truth is that even within the Lutheran church, and even within our own association of congregations, we can view other Lutheran churches as threats. And if our primary target audience is the people in the community who identify themselves as Lutherans then that might be true since the pool of Lutherans is growing smaller and smaller by the day! But if our primary target audience is the people in the community who do not yet follow Jesus, then there is an abundant supply!

Jesus promises that the harvest is plentiful and states that the workers are few. Both statements are true, but we cannot mistake one for another: Churches should not be in competition for a finite pool of Jesus' followers, whether Lutheran or not. Instead, churches are called to collaborate and celebrate the harvest-gathering, kingdom-building work of the whole church of Jesus Christ no matter what name or denomination is on the church sign. How might God be calling you and your church rethink your role in your community, especially in how you think of and relate to other congregations? I pray that we discover a unity of purpose even in our diversity of understanding as we move beyond competition to cooperation.



# 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: September 1, 2022</b> | <b>\$224,484.02</b> |
| <b>TOTAL GF RECEIPTS:</b>                   | <b>\$82,160.01</b>  |
| <b>OPERATING EXPENSES FOR MONTH:</b>        |                     |
| Benevolence                                 | 8,050.98            |
| Spirit Formation                            | 10.44               |
| Outreach                                    | 382.00              |
| Youth & Children Ministries                 | 194.72              |
| Ministry Support                            | 56.17               |
| Worship Support                             | 333.07              |
| Office Support                              | 628.26              |
| Utilities                                   | 5,271.08            |
| Supplies, Equip., Maintenance               | 3,652.27            |
| Insurance                                   | 2,954.57            |
| Miscellaneous Support                       | 1,028.85            |
| Staffing                                    | 22,476.86           |
| <b>TOTAL GF EXPENSES FOR MONTH:</b>         | <b>\$45,039.27</b>  |
| <b>ENDING BALANCE: September 30, 2022</b>   | <b>\$261,604.76</b> |



### October Attendance

|                          |     |
|--------------------------|-----|
| October 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | 173 |
| October 9 <sup>th</sup>  | 113 |
| October 16 <sup>th</sup> | 164 |

Our average weekly  
attendance for October is 150.

**GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD.**  
*In Everything Give Thanks!*

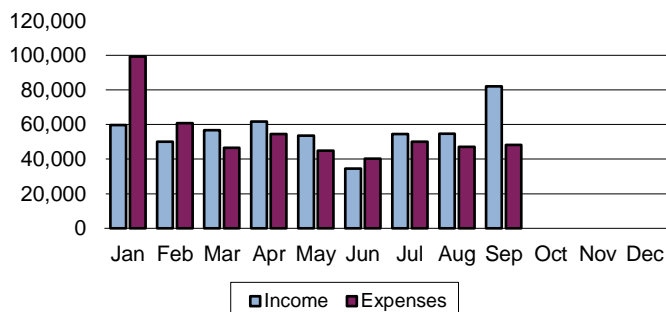
## MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS SEPTEMBER BALANCES

|                           |           |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| Building Maintenance Fund | 10,788.97 |
| Children's Ministry Fund  | 10,845.34 |
| Helping Hands Fund        | 6,676.82  |
| Youth Ministry Fund       | 8,085.59  |
| Memorial Fund             | 7,215.05  |
| OSLC Ministry Fund **     | 64,489.01 |
| Springfest Fund           | 3,219.20  |
| OSLC Mission Fund         | 1,589.57  |
| Spiritual Formation Fund  | 2,573.86  |
| Genie Fuhrman MM Schlrsip | 2,424.00  |

**Total Misc. Accts. \$117,907.41**

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

## General Fund 2022 Income vs. Expenses



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.

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.

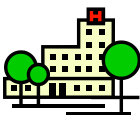
Thank you for all the prayers, flowers, cards and phone calls during my heart attack. I am very thankful for my church family. Janet Merks

Thank you to our OSL family for the many prayers and cards during Anna's stay in the hospital and rehab. A special thank you to Pastor La for providing continuous encouragement and prayer during his visits. Wayne & Anna Prukop

Thank you to everyone who worked, donated, or attended our recent Games Night function held on September 8<sup>th</sup>. The food was awesome. Our cooks: Gloria Seiler, Susie Breeden and Ann Gaskamp did a super job. There are so many folks who made this a successful evening. So many gave towards our auction, and we thank you for your generosity. We raised funds but mainly fellowship and an evening of fun was held by all who attended. God Bless you, Our Saviour's. Women of the Word, Genny Pruitt

## AROUND THE CHURCH FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND PRAYERS

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



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

Anna Prukop



### 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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 Housekeeping Custodian – Holly Pogue

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