JUNE 2023

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Sunday worship 8:00 & 10:30 am Sunday School for ALL 9:15 am



To all the sisters and brothers of our Lord Jesus Christ at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Victoria, TX.

It's June, y'all - the area schools are out and the summer heat and humidity are rising in Victoria, TX, and the surrounding areas. As such, some in our church family are planning their vacation getaways for the summer. If that's happening in your household, I pray for God's travel mercy and protection upon you, wherever you're

bound in His vast Kingdom. May your journey, both to and from, truly bless and revive you, and offer opportunities for you to give thanks, praise and worship our heavenly Father along your journey. Wherever your travels take you this summer, remember to find a local church (Lutheran, preferably) to worship with on Sundays while you're away from us. In addition, remember to send in your Offerings/Tithes/contributions for OSL while you're gone since the mission and ministries needs of our congregation do not go on vacation during the summer months. And if you're not traveling anywhere this summer, I pray you stay cool, safe, and blessed by the Lord Jesus Christ. Even more, I encourage you to heed the Apostle Paul's words in letter to the Hebrews, saying,

"Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting [worship] together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his [Jesus'] return is drawing near." (Heb. 10:24-25 NLT)

On a different note, those who were in worship on Sunday, May 7th witnessed the installation and commissioning of a new Ministry Leader, at OSL. It is my honor to have appointed Diana Pimentel-Moreno as our Minister of Digital Communications. In this role, she is responsible for sharing and communicating important information, events, and opportunities at OSL among the congregation, in the community, and to the world, using the internet and various social media platforms. Please keep her in your prayers in this ministry endeavor, and I ask that we'd all be patient with her as there's a lot for her to catch us up into the 21st century technologies. By the way, we are currently in need of two volunteer ministry leaders – for Spiritual Formation and Prayer & Devotional life. If you are interested in knowing more about these two ministry leadership opportunities, or you'd like to be considered for either one, please let me know.

Lastly, many of you have noticed the close-circuit television (CCTV) cameras mounted in various locations throughout our church facility. These cameras are there for our safety and wellbeing – not to spy or surveil anyone. I'm thankful for the few who've stepped up to volunteer to monitor these cameras on Sunday mornings. They have been trained to be the "eyes" for our Church Safety Team (CST) members, as well as be the communication link to First Responders, should it be necessary to call them. With a large church campus like ours, keeping all worshipers and our facility safe is a great challenge. Therefore, I ask that you keep these men and women in your prayers. And if you'd like to join the team of our CCTV monitors, please feel free to let me know.

Happy summer, y'all! Be blessed to bless!

SECURITY CODE CHANGE

Per council instructions, the security code on the keypad doors will be changed every six months. The new code will take effect on Thursday, June 1st. If you would like the new code, please contact the church office.



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BEGINNING THURSDAY, JUNE 1ST 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





BURGERS AND BINGO

\$10 PER PERSON

FRIDAY, JUNE 2 @ 6 PM IN MPR 10 26 45 53 63

SIGN-UP IN THE NARTHEX





New **Sunday School** Class!!

Looking for an interesting and entertaining way to learn about the book of Galatians? We have the answer for you beginning Sunday June 4th 9:15 am. Our last class will be July 9th (6-week study). We will meet in the Conference room in the CYF Wing. Team teachers will be Libby Stirneman and Jean Gisler with a 'quest appearance' of Paul and Barnabas (and maybe others). We will be strolling down the fruit aisle too so bring your "grocery list" (AKA your Bible). The fruits of the spirit are especially tasteful now! If you are not already involved in a Sunday School class, now is your chance for a 6-week

study! Bring a friend and join us in the Conference Room!

OSL LCMC TEXAS DISTRICT GATHERING AND LCMC NATIONAL GATHERING DELEGATES

The LCMC Texas District Gathering is scheduled to be held at St Paul Lutheran Church in New Braunfels on July 28th & 29^{th} . The LCMC National Gathering is scheduled to be held in St. Louis, MO, on October $1^{st} - 4^{th}$. Again, this year, OSL will select two delegates to attend each event. OSL will provide appropriate financial reimbursement (LCMC Gathering registration fees, transportation, lodging and meals) for two OSL Congregation members selected to be OSL delegates. It is Council practice to rotate the OSL delegates for these annual events.

If you are interested in being considered to be an OSL delegate to either the LCMC Texas District Gathering or the LCMC National Gathering, please send your request to OSL Council Secretary, Sharon Kacir (skacir@oslcvictoria.com). Please have your request sent by Sunday, June 11th.

2023 LCMC TEXAS DISTRICT GATHERING & YOUTH GATHERING/LOCK-IN



July 28 – 29 at St. Paul Lutheran in New Braunfels, TX Early registration is now open through June 30th.

Learn more and register at: lcmctexas.org/annual-gathering



SPRINGFEST REPORT

For many years Our Saviour's Lutheran Church (OSLC) of Victoria has hosted an amazing event for the entire community, known and called, "Springfest". With God's Grace, the support of our monetary & item donors, tireless volunteers, OSL members and the Victoria community, Our Saviour's Lutheran Church "2023 Springfest" was a resounding success by providing fellowship and raising \$26,540.53. The proceeds were donated to bless four ministries we had determined to support. These worthy causes in our local community are Christ's Kitchen, Bethlehem Maternity Home, Teens Grounded, and Our Saviour's Lutheran Church Ministries. The 2023 Springfest Team thanks God for all the grace and talents he provides, the support of OSLC to host this event and the volunteers & team members who worked to make this event a success. Thank You and God Bless You!!



Happy Summer everyone! Congratulations on making it through another school year. I hope you all enjoy your much needed break from homework, tests, assignments, and projects. It is a common sentiment within the church that the Holy Spirit leaves the church at Easter and does not return until Rally Day (in August.) In this Children, Youth and Family ministry, that is simply NOT TRUE! God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit remain with us and within these walls always.

Even though we are no longer meeting every Wednesday night, there are still plenty of spirit filled and fun filled activities this summer. I encourage you to participate as much as you are able and continue to pray for our students and families. As always, I am available to anyone, for any reason. Many Blessings! Susan Woodson



TWIST & TURNS VBS JUNE $25^{TH} \sim \text{JUNE } 29^{TH}$ 5:30 pm ~ 8:30 pm VBS registration is now open.



Please visit www.oslcvictoria.com/vacation-bible-school/ to register or scan QR code above.

We are still in need of classroom leaders and crew leaders for our vacation bible school. Please see Ms. Susan if you are interested.

There will be a table in the Narthex with a list of needed supplies to make our Vacation Bible School possible. If you feel inclined to grab a "game piece" with an item from our wish list, please turn it into the office no later than Monday, June 19th.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

June 4th - Graduation Sunday Celebration

June 6th - June 10th - Camp Eagle

June 11th - Join us as we "TWIST & TURN" around the neighborhood advertising VBS (5:00 pm)

June 14th - Random Acts of Kindness Scavenger Hunt (11:00 am - 1:00 pm)

June 21st - Volleyball Night in MPR (5:00 pm - 7:00 pm)

June 25th - 29th - Twists and Turns Vacation Bible School (5:30 pm - 8:30 pm)

PUZZLES AND GAMES:

Congratulations to Abby C who correctly answered last month's question. "Where was Paul (Saul) headed when Jesus appeared to him?" Damascus

This month, the first two people to answer correctly will receive a \$10 fast food gift card. Name 3 of the 10 commandments.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2023 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES:

Kaci Haschke EliJah

EliJah Pickens Jaxx Rangnow

Hollyce Rhodes





VBS AT FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH
516 MAIN ST
JUNE 11TH - 15TH FROM 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Where: Victoria Riding Therapy Center
What: Restore riding trails, make signs,
clean up and other odd jobs.
Participants & chaperones will stay nightly at FELC.
All meals provided. Morning worship – devotional.
Different nightly activities. 2 T-shirts.
\$50.00 per person (scholarships available)
Contact Julie Thigpen with questions 361-935-0235

FELC MISSION VICTORIA 2023

July 10th – 14th for 6th-12th Graders

HOPE FEST JUNE 17, 2023 AT RIVERSIDE PARK 10 AM - 8 PM

Hope Fest is a Free event for Jr. High and High school youth with live music, games, & much more!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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The Holy Trinity 8:00 & 10:30 am - Worship Service HOLY COMMUNION & HELPING HANDS GRADUATION SUNDAY CELEBRATION 9:15 am - Children & Youth Sunday School 9:15 am - Adult Bible Study	5 8:00 am - Pastor's Advisory Team Meeting 9:00 am - Staff Meeting 5:30 pm - CYF Committee	6 9:30 am - Tabitha Quilting Ministry 5:30 pm - Ministry Leaders/Committee Meeting Rivers Edge Campers Leave	7 6:30 pm - Pastor La's Bible Study	ω	9 OFFICE CLOSED	10:00 am - Life After Loss Support Group Rivers Edge Campers Return Sanctuary Unavailable
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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.

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🕻 June 4 th	Dale Hoffmann	Royce Krueger	Cole Neill	Steve	Kathleen Reimann	Jan Jacob	Linda	Ronnie Wolter	June 4th
8:00 am	Shirley Hoffmann Bobby Jacob	Terry Krueger Steve Fiedler		Fiedler	Terry Krueger		Mueller	Royce Krueger	Katy Morris June 11 th
10:30 am	Diana Pimentel	Michael Buchhorn	Konor		Michael Buchhorn	Laura Wright	Norma	Dale Hoffmann	Hanta Andriamihaja
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***	Fernando Moreno	Marilyn Young							June 25th
June 11th	Gerald Merks		Hunter		Janet Merks	lovce.	lean Huber	Gerald Merks	ALTAR GUILD
8:00 am	Glenn Gisler		Jacob		Jean Gisler	Cardinell		Carol Buchhorn	Linda Mueller
kakak	Konor Eliot								Jean Huber
10:30 am	Randy Clark		Haley		Diana Pimentel	Doris Dold	EJ Raley	Stephen Fuhrman	Eden Yaklin
	Sharon Kacir		Morris		Pam Raley			Lewis Keith	ALTAR FLOWERS
***	Billy Blanchard								June 4th
	Gary Mueller								Linda Mueller
June 18th	Laura Johnston	Libby Stirneman	Alex		Kathleen Reimann	Jean Huber	Linda	Randy Clark	June 11th
8:00 am	Mitchell Thurman	Bob Stirneman	Johnston		Shirley Hoffmann		Mueller	Larry Henneke	Dan & Lynna Briggs
	Steve Fiedler	Jean Huber							June 18th
10:30 am	Patty McGehee	Brett Ckodre	Arun		Doris Dold	Pam Raley	EJ Raley	Buck Dabney	Stephen Fuhrman
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***	Debbie Krueger	Patty McGehee							PRAYERS
		Janine Rothmann							June 4 th
June 25th	Royce Krueger		Tanner		Jean Huber	Joyce	Sally Hersey	Steve Fiedler	Sharon Kacir
8:00 am	Terry Krueger		Jacob		Jan Jacob	Cardinell		Royce Krueger	June 11 th
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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 Josephine Muhlstein Funeral service was held for:



Haven Raine Crawford & Stella Rose Crawford, daughters of Skye Franklin and Received in Holy Baptism:



Special Concerns:

good All those we hold dear in our hearts and are facing battles for health, mind & spirit.

> Thanks be to God these folks have returned home from the hospital: Irene Hahn **Bob Blevins** Patsy Hand

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

BIBLE STUDY FOR ALL LED BY PASTOR LA

Pastor La's Bible study meets every Wednesday at 6:30 pm. All are welcome. They are currently studying 1 Corinthians through June 14th. They will take a break for the summer June 21st through August 16th.



WOMEN OF THE WORD

Will meet on Monday, June 19th 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, June 6th at 5:30 pm in the Conference Room.





HELPING HANDS OFFERING SUNDAY - JUNE 4TH

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 361-575-4305.





OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH TABITHA QUILTING MINISTRY

Meets Every Tuesday at 9:30 am in the Christian Ed Building For more information contact Dorothy Waltersdorff at 361-576-1465 or Jean Gisler at 361-676-0484 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, June 10th at 10:00 am. If you have any questions, please feel free to talk to Pastor La or Stephen Fuhrman.







What exactly is Harvest Workers? Four years ago, a group of pastors began dreaming about what it might look like to create an online ministry training program that was affordable, accessible, and effectively equipped those God was calling to greater ministry with a solid biblical and theological foundation while emphasizing practical mission and ministry instruction. After all, if we were ever going to plant and revitalize churches, we

needed to invest in developing more mission-minded leaders. These conversations eventually led to the Texas District's most ambitious project to date: Harvest Workers!

The program we set out to develop was not intended to be a seminary. Instead, we envisioned a ministry training program for those for whom traditional seminary might not be affordable, accessible, or the best fit. Harvest Workers actually inverts the emphasis of most seminary programs: instead of emphasizing academic studies in Bible and theology while providing a basic introduction to practical ministry, Harvest Workers introduces students to biblical and theological studies while diving more deeply into a wide variety of practical courses in mission and ministry.

Since the program is online and on-demand, there are no semesters or pre-scheduled class times. Students access courses through a personal online classroom portal and meet with their faculty one-on-one for four video conference sessions. There are quizzes, papers, projects, and lots of reading as well as video lectures, as one might expect. This online, on-demand delivery is what makes the program especially unique, allowing students to work their studies into daily life.

Certificate students from the Texas District pay a subscription of \$165 a month for their tuition. We encourage congregations to partner with interested students by providing partial scholarships. St. John, Thrall has also established a scholarship fund in memory of Jon and Kathy Bielfeldt and contributions to this fund are welcomed from individuals or congregations. To make an online contribution, go to www.harvestworkers.net/support-harvest-workers.

Harvest Workers is not the only answer to the church's need for pastors and ministry leaders, but it is an important part of our effort to better equip women and men for the Kingdom ministry to which God is calling them. Whether these students become contract pastors, church planters, youth or children's ministers, care ministers or just better equipped church members to serve in their own congregations and communities, I am excited to see the growth and development in each student.

We currently have 21 students enrolled in our certificate program and more than two dozen others have participated in taking individual courses as audit students or as a part of a church group. If you are interested in learning more about Harvest Workers, whether that is starting a group course at your church, auditing a class of interest, or becoming a full certificate student, I would invite you to check out our website at www.harvestworkers.net and reach out to start a conversation about how Harvest Workers may help equip you and others in your church to answer God's call to greater Kingdom ministry.



WOMEN'S CONFERNCE AT ST. PETER'S BAPTIST CHURCH

SATURDAY, JUNE 3rd 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

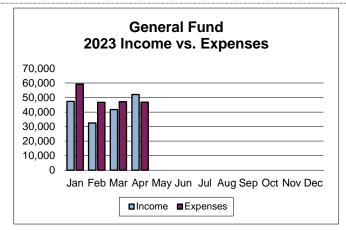
Registration at the door \$25 per person



CHURCH FINANCIAL **UPDATE**



CHURCH ATTENDANCE





May Attend	lance
Our average weekly attendance	
for May 162.	
May 7 th 134	
May 14 th 168	
May 21 st	185

Praise the Lord! Praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in His mighty heavens! Psalm 150:1



During the summer months, everyone wants to relax and take it easy. The kids are out of school, we are going on vacations, and we get out of our daily/weekly routines. It's easy to forget what we've disciplined ourselves to do, even as faithful stewards.

Below are a few things that can help you stay plugged in this summer, while traveling.

LISTEN TO SUNDAY SERMONS ONLINE.

READ YOUR NEWSLETTERS.

CONTINUE TO TITHE BY MAIL OR BY USING ONE OF OUR SIMPLE ELECTRONIC OPTIOIONS BELOW:

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.

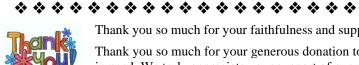
ONLINE GIVING - Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions or one-time contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet. Simply follow these easy steps:

- 1) Visit the church website at www.oslcvictoria.com,
- 2) Click on the [Give] tab,
- 3) Click on the [Give Online] line,

4) Click on {Give Online} again at right

- 5) Click on the [Create Profile] button, then
- 6) Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring or one-time 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.



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! To all those who helped during the rummage sale. Whether it was donating items, helping to price, organize, lay out, helping the days of the sale, or helping pack things away. Your assistance is valued & appreciated. It could NOT be done without you.

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Thank you for making Josephine's celebration of life so beautiful. We appreciate you letting us hold the service after a very busy Sunday, Springfest. We are also thankful for the ladies that prepared and served the luncheon. Sincerely, The Muhlstein, McGehee and Dillard families



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