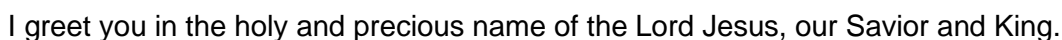


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OUR SAVIOUR'S MESSAGE



Well, how are you faring during these hot, dog days of summer? It is my prayer that you'd take every precaution and self-care to make it through this deadly heat. And as our brothers and sisters' keepers, and if you can, please check in with those in our OSL family who may be vulnerable to these "hellish" temperatures.

Speaking of our OSL Family, by the time you receive this Newsletter, our week-long Vacation Bible School (VBS) will either be taking place or just wrapped up. Either way, I want to thank all those who volunteered, in any capacity, for their faith, dedications, and love for Jesus, and having shown and passed it on to all the children who came. A very special thanks to Ms. Susan Woodson for leading and directing our VBS, for the first time, this year. We never know how the “seeds” we sow will sprout and grow – only God knows. All we’re to do is “feed, nurture and water” them, and trust in God to provide the growth.

Now, this summer, I'm excited about the opportunities we have to make some differences in the lives of people whose lives have been destroyed and devastated by natural disasters, famine and wars. Through Lutheran World Relief, one of our Global Mission partners, we'll provide some much-needed items to babies, children, and adults in various parts of the world who are severely affected by circumstances beyond their controls. Starting this month, our Women of the Word (WOW) ministry will invite our congregation members to purchase and bring to church various items that will make up to 50 Baby Kits. There will be a table in the Narthex for more information and the list of items needed. Please stop by and see how the Holy Spirit will lead you to take part in this ministry opportunity. Next month (August), our Children, Youth, and Family (CYF) will offer the same invitation for school supply kits. Then, in September, our Global Mission ministry team will invite the congregation to purchase and gather up certain items to make up to 75 personal care kits for adults. Then lastly, on Sunday, October 15th, between our worship services – in the MPR - we will assemble these items together to make these kits. I hope you'll be there for that and witness how powerful God's people are when we're given the opportunities to work and serve together.

Thank you for your partnership in the ministry and in the gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ.

Pastor La Andriamihaja

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY LED BY PASTOR LA

Is taking a break for the summer June 21st through August 16th.

REMINDER: The church office will be closed Tuesday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day.



CONGREGATIONAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL



MONDAY, JULY 17TH
6:30 PM IN THE MPR



**Each family please bring either a freezer of ice cream
or sandwiches or chips and dip.**
Please look for the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Desk.
Bring your favorite game(s) and enjoy a night of fun.
**Don't miss this great time of fellowship, enjoying delicious food
and homemade ice cream.**





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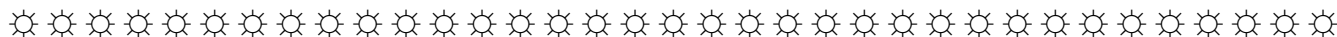
**OUR SAVIOUR'S
ROCK THE BLOCK**

**Summer
PARTY**

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM



**BASKETBALL
OUTDOOR
GAMES
AND
MUSIC**



CYF SUMMER BAKE SALE

OSL's Children, Youth & Family Ministry will have a bake sale on Sunday, July 16th from 9:15 am – 10:15 am to raise money to revamp the youth hallway. Come get goodies and support our CYF Ministry!



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



Genie Fuhrman Legacy Music Scholarship



The Genie Fuhrman Legacy Music Scholarship Committee is pleased to report three \$1000.00 scholarships will be awarded this year to three accomplished students. The recipients have shown exemplary achievements in grades, church leadership, community involvement, as well as music. The Scholarship Committee is very grateful for the immense generosity of the members of OSLC as well as our community. We are genuinely thankful for your interest and benevolent support of this OSLC ministry. "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever." 1 Chronicles 16:34

Dear Children, Youth and Families of OSLC,

I hope you all are enjoying your summer and staying cool in this heat. I pray that even when you are not within the walls of this church, you feel the love of your congregation. I am very excited about the upcoming events that we have scheduled. Please feel free to share and invite everyone who may be

interested. As we get closer to August and a new school year, I want to shift our focus on the people outside of this building. This is the next step of our discipleship. What are the needs of the community that we serve? And how can this ministry fill those needs? Who are the people we can invite to come experience God with us at Our Saviour's? Our 2023-2024 school year will focus on answering these questions. I would like to encourage you all to be praying on these things and trust that the Holy Spirit will guide our steps and lead us to people and places that we can positively impact. I am looking forward to hearing all of your thoughts and ideas. Many Blessings! Mrs. Susan

TEACHERS NEEDED!! ~ Lighthouse will begin August 16th and new Sunday school classes will begin August 20th. We are in need of classroom teachers and assistants to help with the spiritual education of the children and youth of our congregation. Teaching can be a fun and rewarding way to serve God. If the Holy Spirit calls you to teach, please see Mrs. Susan for more details.

YOUTH HALLWAY RENOVATION ~ We are revamping our youth hallway this summer with new furniture. If you would like to contribute in any way, please visit <https://a.co/6VviR2C> or see Mrs. Susan for more information. We will be having a Bakesale on Sunday, July 16th to help cover some of those costs.

COMMUNITY BLOCK PARTY ~ Anyone who is interested in helping with the Community Block party, or would simply like more information, please attend the informational/planning meeting on Wednesday, July 5th at 4:00 pm in the Conference Room.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

July 1st - Teens Night Pool Party at Tanglewood Pool 8:00 pm - 11:00 pm

July 5th - Community Block Party Planning/Informational Meeting 4:00 pm

Volleyball & Pizza Night 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

July 16th - CYF Summer Bake Sale 9:15 am - 10:15 am

Neighborhood Walk to advertise Community Block Party 6:00 pm

July 19th - Volleyball & Pizza Night 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

July 26th - Community Block Party 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

July 28th - 29th - TX District Gathering & Youth Gathering in New Braunfels

PUZZLES AND GAMES:

Congratulations to Abby C and Alex J who correctly listed 3 of the 10 commandments.

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

Fill in the Blank:

Do not let any _____ talk come out of your mouths, but only what is _____ for building others up according to their needs, that it may _____ those who listen. - Ephesians 4:29 (NIV)

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THANK YOU to all the adults and students who participated in the Random Acts of Kindness scavenger hunt on June 14th. The competition was close, but the Buchhorns, along with Haley M, Violet J and Jazmine J racked up the most points. WAY TO GO!!!

FELC MISSION VICTORIA 2023 JULY 10TH – 14TH FOR 6TH-12TH GRADERS

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



JULY 2023



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 PLEASE NOTE CHURCH EVENTS, DATES AND DETAILS <i>are subject to change</i>		SUMMER CHURCH OFFICE HOURS Monday thru Thursday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm				1 8:00 pm - Teen Night Pool Party at Tanglewood Pool Sanctuary Unavailable
2 8:00 & 10:30 am - Worship Service HOLY COMMUNION HELPING HANDS 9:15 am - Adult, Children & Youth Sunday School	3 8:00 am - Pastor's Advisory Team Meeting 9:00 am - Staff Meeting 5:30 pm - CYF Committee Meeting	4 <i>Independence Day</i> OFFICE CLOSED 	5 4:00 pm - Community Block Party Volunteer Meeting 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm CYF Volleyball & Pizza Night	6 Sanctuary Unavailable	7 OFFICE CLOSED	8 10:00 am - Life After Loss Support Group
9 8:00 & 10:30 am - Worship Service 9:15 am - Adult, Children & Youth Sunday School Sanctuary Unavailable	10 9:00 am - Staff Meeting 1:30 pm - Pantry Prep 5:00 pm - Executive Council Meeting Sanctuary Unavailable	11 9:30 am - Tabitha Quilting Ministry 4:00 pm - Pantry 5:30 pm - Ministry Leaders Mtg. 6:30 pm - Worship Meeting Chapel Rented Sanctuary Unavailable	12 MPR Rented Sanctuary Unavailable	13 Chapel Unavailable MPR Rented Sanctuary Unavailable	14 OFFICE CLOSED MPR Rented Sanctuary Unavailable	15 MPR Rented Chapel Unavailable 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.

	USHER	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	ACOLYTE	LECTOR	GREETER	WELCOMER	WELCOME DESK	CHURCH SAFETY TEAM	LEADER IN CHARGE
July 2nd 8:00 am	Dale Hoffmann Shirley Hoffmann Bobby Jacob	Libby Stirneman Bob Stirneman Jean Huber	Tanner Jacob	Diane Dabney	Kathleen Reimann Terry Krueger	Jan Jacob	Linda Mueller	Ronnie Wolter Royce Krueger Milton Slaughter	July 2nd Michael Buchhorn July 9th Darryl Kern
10:30 am	Michael Buchhorn Dena Buchhorn Darryl Kern Gary Mueller	Brett Ckudre Pam Raley Lisa Price Patty McGehee Doris Dold	Arun Pickens		Patty McGehee Lisa Price	Laura Wright	Norma Lawrence	Dale Hoffmann Larry Henneke EJ Raley	July 16th Sharon Kacir July 23rd Glenn Gisler
July 9th 8:00 am	Gerald Merks Glenn Gisler Konor Eliot		Cole Neill	Jerri Brown	Janet Merks	Joyce Cardinell	Jean Huber	Gerald Merks Randy McGehee Mel Bontrager	July 30th Larry Henneke
10:30 am	Randy Clark Hanta Andriamihaja Billy Blanchard Sharon Kacir		Hannah Morris		Diana Pimentel Haley Morris	Doris Dold	EJ Raley	Stephen Fuhrman Lewis Keith Michael Buchhorn	ALTAR GUILD Gina Eliot Linda Mueller
July 16th 8:00 am	Bobby Jacob Mitchell Thurman Steve Fiedler	Glenn Gisler Jean Gisler Joyce Cardinell	Hunter Jacob	Lauren Jackson	Kathleen Reimann Shirley Hoffmann	Jan Jacob	Linda Mueller	Steve Fiedler Larry Henneke John Hersey	ALTAR FLOWERS July 2nd Joe & Susan Woodson
10:30 am	Tom Willis Patty McGehee Jason Eliot Doris Dold	Michael Buchhorn Dena Buchhorn Marilyn Young Pat DeDear Carol Buchhorn	Arun Pickens		Michael Buchhorn Dena Buchhorn	Pam Raley	EJ Raley	Buck Dabney Raymundo Moreno Manuel Mendez	July 9th Kurtis & Debbie Krueger July 16th Buck & Diane Dabney Arliss & Elaine Sievers
July 23rd 8:00 am	Royce Krueger Terry Krueger Laura Johnston		Alex Johnston	Kim Neill	Dale Hoffmann Shirley Hoffmann	Joyce Cardinell	Jean Huber	Randy Clark Mitchell Thurman Linda Mueller	July 23rd
10:30 am	Diana Pimentel Raymundo Moreno Raymundo Moreno, Jr Fernando Moreno		Hannah Morris		Haley Morris Billy Blanchard	Laura Wright	Norma Lawrence	Bruce Jank Royce Krueger Milton Slaughter	July 30th John & Sally Hersey
July 30th 8:00 am	Children, Youth & Family Ministry							Ronnie Wolter Carol Buchhorn Mel Bontrager	PRAYERS July 2nd Marilyn Young
10:30 am	Children, Youth & Family Ministry							Dale Hoffmann Randy McGehee EJ Raley	July 9th Pat DeDear July 16th Ryan Price
									July 23rd Sharon Kacir July 30th Susan Woodson



WOMEN OF THE WORD

W.O.W. will not meet in July or August. All ladies are encouraged to attend the next W.O.W. meeting on Monday, September 18th at 6:00 pm in the MPR.

OSL MINISTRY LEADERS/TEAM MEETINGS ON THE 1ST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

Tuesday, July 11th at 5:30 pm in the Conference Room.



HELPING HANDS OFFERING SUNDAY – JULY 2ND

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



Texas District

Mission Moment

by Pastor Bryce Formwalt
Director of Mission Growth



HARVEST
WORKERS

It's Gathering Time! #SENT2023 ~ Each year one of our highlights as a District is to come together for what we call our Annual Gathering. If you've been before, then you know what a treat it is! LCMC Texas has Gathered each summer since its inception in 2009 with only one exception in 2020. On July 28-29, our District will gather for the 14th Annual Gathering at St. Paul's, New Braunfels! I hope you will make

plans to join us this year!

Our theme for the 2023 Gathering is SENT, based on Acts 1:8. As Jesus gathered with his disciples in his final moments before ascending into heaven, he sent them out saying "...you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." What does it look like to be sent by Jesus in 2023? What does your Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and ends of the earth look like for you and your congregation as you respond in faith to Jesus' commissioning?

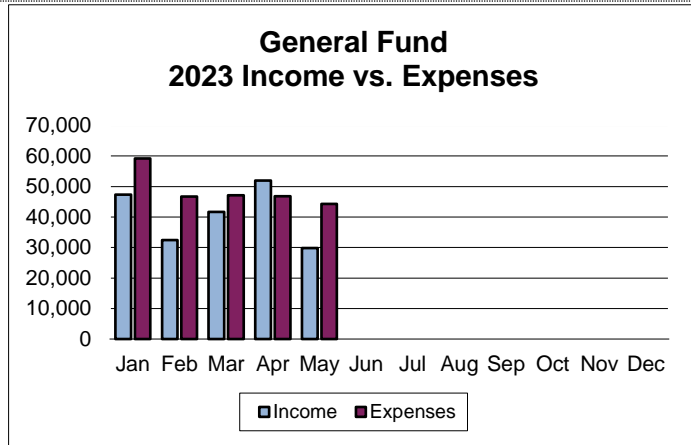
We are privileged to welcome Pastor Tilaye Daba to be our keynote speaker this year. Tilaye is the Director of the Global Mission Society for the largest and fastest growing Lutheran church body in the world: Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus. He has dedicated his life to the mission of Jesus and been a leader in evangelism and theological education.

Over these past several months as my excitement and anticipation of Tilaye's visit has been building, I have shared this recurring thought: While we are all quite aware of Lutheran missionaries from America traveling to Africa, I think it is pretty special that the American church is now welcoming an African missionary! We have so much to learn from the Ethiopians, especially when it comes to being Jesus' witnesses in the world around us.

If you are reading this, then please know that this Gathering is for you. This isn't a conference just for pastors or church council members. It is for someone just like you! We gather for the purpose of encouraging the whole body of Christ for the sake of his mission. We worship together around God's Word and Sacrament; we fellowship together over good food, enjoying the company of our brothers and sisters in Christ; we are inspired by excellent, faithful communicators; we network with other pastors, churches, and ministry partners; and we learn from three of the 15 different breakouts offered. So please come gather with us!

I'd be remiss if I did not also mention the Youth Gathering and Lock-in. Middle and High School students are encouraged to come for a special Youth Gathering planned just for them. The Youth Gathering takes place concurrently and includes fun games, food, teaching time, and a mission project. Students will stay the night in the church facility, so no lodging is required.

To learn more and register, go to www.lcmctexas.org/annual-gathering. We hope to see you in New Braunfels!



CHURCH ATTENDANCE



June Attendance

Our average weekly attendance
for June 171.

June 4 th	194
June 11 th	163
June 18 th	156

Praise the Lord!

Praise God in His sanctuary;
praise Him in His mighty heavens!

Psalm 150:1

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Summer
is here!

This is the day the
LORD has made;
let us rejoice
and be glad in it.



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.oslc victoria.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.



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 so much for your very generous donation to VCAM. Your gift allows us to help community members who are in need. We truly appreciate your support of our ministry. Sincerely, Rose Mary Voigt

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:
Ann Kupfernagel



Special Concerns:

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

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

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