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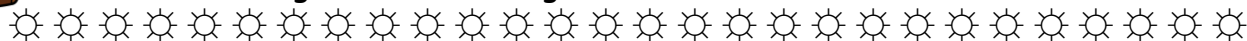
**ARE YOU  
READY?**

**WATCH THE WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR MORE INFORMATION**



## Back To School Blessing Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup> at both services

We would like to invite all students and educators to bring their school bags to church to have them blessed.



## RALLY DAY ~ SUNDAY, AUGUST 13<sup>TH</sup>

We will celebrate Rally Day with worship at 8:00 am & 10:30 am. Our confirmands will affirm their faith at the 10:30 am worship services. Following the service, join us for a potluck lunch. The Fellowship Ministry will provide the main entrée and beverages. If your last name begins with A-M please bring a side dish. If your last name begins with N-Z please bring a dessert. We will also have lots of fun activities planned.



There are also many new and exciting things starting this fall at OSL. There will be tables set-up in the Narthex displaying Sunday school classes, Bible studies, Small groups, and many, many more ministries. If you would like to set-up a table for your ministry please contact Hanta at [hantamangasoa@aim.com](mailto:hantamangasoa@aim.com) or text her at 612-840-5820.



## WEDNESDAY NIGHT OASIS MEALS BEGIN AUGUST 16<sup>TH</sup>



Oasis is a time for great food, fellowship, bible studies and fun activities but we need your help to make it happen. We need volunteers to cook and serve the meal each Wednesday. There is a budget for this ministry. If you are interested in serving Our Saviour's through this ministry, please sign-up at the Welcome Desk. For more information, contact the church office.

## LCMC 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Gathering October 1 -4

at Saint Charles Convention Center in St. Charles, MO

Our Saviour's council will select two delegates to attend this event. Our Saviour's will provide appropriate financial reimbursement (associated LCMC Gathering registration fees, transportation, lodging and meals) for the two OSL Congregation members selected to be delegates. If you are interested in being considered to be a delegate to the LCMC National Gathering, please email your request to OSL Council Secretary, Sharon Kacir at [skacir@oslcvtoria.com](mailto:skacir@oslcvtoria.com). Please have your request sent in by Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup>.



## WOMEN OF THE WORD



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

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

Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 pm in the Conference Room.



## HELPING HANDS OFFERING SUNDAY – AUGUST 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 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 about Tabitha Quilting Ministry contact Dorothy Waltersdorff at 361-576-1465 or Jean Gisler at 361-676-0484 or [jeangislerp@gmail.com](mailto:jeangislerp@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, August 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. If you have any questions, please feel free to talk to Stephen Fuhrman.





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**Attention all SINGERS! - The OSLC Adult Choir will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 pm. Come join us in leading worship at the 8:00 am Sunday services.**



Dear Children, Youth and Families, I can't believe that summer is over and school is starting this month! This year is just flying by! I am so excited to see what and who the 2023-2024 school year brings us. As I said last month, this upcoming school year will focus on outreach. What can we do for the people outside these church walls? How can we take the lessons that we learn in here and make them actions out there? It's not enough to SAY we are followers of Christ, but we must SHOW that we are

his in our words, actions and deeds. In May, some of the Jr. High students came up with a list of qualities that Jesus had. Jesus is forgiving, compassionate, honest, welcoming, and giving. These 5 qualities are just a few that we came up with during one of our last Lighthouse sessions. But to me, these 5 are some of the most important qualities that produce fruitful discipleship. I would like to invite each family this month to join me in focusing on these qualities. Our purpose each week will be to display that particular quality of Jesus in all that we do and say. I pray that this challenge will strengthen your relationship with God and help you to plant the seeds in the hearts of all that you encounter.

♥ August 1-5 FORGIVE!

♥ August 6-12 Be compassionate to everyone you encounter.

♥ August 13-19 Be honest with those around you.

♥ August 20-26 Welcome the stranger.

♥ August 27-31 Give to those who ask.

**BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING:** On Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup> during both services we would like to invite all students and educators to bring their school bags to church to have them blessed.

**RALLY DAY AUGUST 13<sup>th</sup>:** We have lots of new and exciting things starting this fall at OSL. There will be tables set-up in the Narthex displaying Sunday school classes, Bible studies, and many, many more ministries.

**NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL & LIGHTHOUSE CLASSES:** We are excited to be rolling out a new curriculum which will take us through the Bible over the course of two years. Each Sunday, we will begin with a bible passage and discussion. Then we will continue on Wednesday nights during Lighthouse with a hands-on activity. It is important that you come to BOTH Sunday school and Wednesday night so that you don't miss out. I am looking forward to diving into the word with you all.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR PARENTS:** How long has it been since your catechism? How much do you remember? Or did you ever even take catechism? Beginning August 20<sup>th</sup>, we will begin a new Sunday school class at the Coffee Bar that reviews Luther's Small Catechism and discuss how it applies to our families today. For more information contact Jason Eliot 361-648-0370.

**FALL RETREAT:** Our fall retreat for 2023 will be held on Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm here at Our Saviour's. This year's theme comes from Psalm 150:6 "Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord." We will be learning about the importance of music in praise and worship as well as learning some popular songs and hymns. Registration is open to all 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> graders. Registration form and fees are due by August 13<sup>th</sup>.

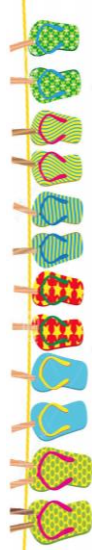
**BIBLE HIGHLIGHTING:** We will conduct two Bible Highlighting sessions for parents of children in the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grades, one on Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 am in the Narthex and the other on Wednesday, August 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:45 pm in the MPR. You only need to attend one session. Bibles are provided by Our Saviour's. We encourage you to attend one of these important meetings to prepare the Bible you will present to your child on Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at the service you normally attend. For more information, please contact the church office 575-4305.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

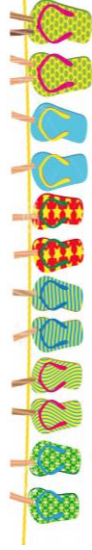
- August 13<sup>th</sup> - Rally Day
- August 16<sup>th</sup> - Oasis Meals & Lighthouse Begins (3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday- Outreach Day)
- August 20<sup>th</sup> - New Sunday School Classes Begin
- August 26<sup>th</sup> - Fall Retreat



**PUZZLES & GAMES:** Last month's fill in the blank came from Ephesians 4:29. Congratulations to Hannah & Alex. This month, the first person (kinder -12<sup>th</sup> grade) to answer correctly will receive a \$25 Visa card. Name the specific events that happened during the 7 Days of Creation.

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# AUGUST 2023



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div><b>PLEASE NOTE</b> <b>CHURCH EVENTS, DATES AND DETAILS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE</b></div>		1 9:30 am - Tabitha Quilting Ministry 5:30 pm - Ministry Leaders/Team Meeting	2	3 6:30 pm - New Member Class/Orientation 6:30 pm - Men's Grace Retreat Meeting in MPR CYF Splashway Trip	4 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	5  Christian Ed Building Rented
6 8:00 & 10:30 am - Worship Service HOLY COMMUNION & HELPING HANDS Back to School Blessing 9:15 am - Adult, Children & Youth Sunday School	7 8:00 am - Pastor's Advisory Team Meeting 9:00 am - Staff Meeting 1:30 pm - Pantry Prep 5:00 pm - Executive Council Meeting	8 9:30 am - Tabitha Quilting Ministry 4:00 pm - Pantry 6:30 pm - Worship Committee Meeting Chapel Rented	9	10 6:30 pm - Men's Grace Retreat Meeting in MPR	11 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	12 10:00 am - Life After Loss Support Group
13 8:00 & 10:30 am - Worship Service CONFIRMATION SUNDAY 9:15 am - Adult, Children & Youth Sunday School 9:15 am - Bible Highlighting	14 9:00 am - Staff Meeting	15 9:30 am - Tabitha Quilting Ministry 6:30 pm - Council Meeting	16 5:30 pm - Prayer Group in Chapel 5:45 pm - Oasis Meal 5:45 pm - Bible Highlighting 6:30 pm - Lighthouse Small Group 6:30 pm - Confirmation Class Parent Meeting	17 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Christian Ed Building Unavailable 6:30 pm - Men's Grace Retreat Meeting in MPR	18 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	19
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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
August 6 <sup>th</sup> 8:00 am	Dale Hoffmann Shirley Hoffmann Bobby Jacob	Royce Krueger Terry Krueger Steve Fiedler	Tanner Jacob	Steve Fiedler	Kathleen Reimann Terry Krueger	Jan Jacob	Linda Mueller	Gerald Merks Larry Henneke Luke Hersey	August 6 <sup>th</sup> Marilyn Young August 13 <sup>th</sup> Gerald Merks August 20 <sup>th</sup> Terry Krueger August 27 <sup>th</sup> Terry Krueger Katy Morris
10:30 am	Randy Clark Kurtis Krueger Debbie Krueger Patty McGehee	Arun Pickens Brett Ckudre Kathy Ozuna Lisa Price Jason Eliot Janine Rothmann	Arun Pickens		Doris Dold Lisa Price	Pam Raley	EJ Raley	Stephen Fuhman Randy McGehee Michael Buchhorn	
August 13 <sup>th</sup> 8:00 am	Gerald Merks Glenn Gisler Laura Johnston	Alex Johnston	Glenn Gisler	Janet Merks	Joyce Cardinell	Jean Huber		Bruce Jank Royce Krueger John Hersey	ALTAR GUILD Kim Neill Linda Mueller
10:30 am	Gary Mueller Elaine Thurman Marilyn Young Sharon Kacir	Hannah Morris	Hannah Morris	Diana Pimentel Haley Morris	Doris Dold	Norma Lawrence		Buck Dabney Raymundo Moreno Linda Mueller	ALTAR FLOWERS August 6 <sup>th</sup> Pam Raley August 13 <sup>th</sup> Pastor La August 20 <sup>th</sup> August 27 <sup>th</sup> Don & Gloria Seiler
August 20 <sup>th</sup> 8:00 am	Bobby Jacob Mitchell Thurman Steve Fiedler	Bob Stirneman Libby Stirneman Jean Huber	Hunter Jacob	Diane Dabney	Kathleen Reimann Shirley Hoffmann	Jan Jacob	Linda Mueller	Steve Fiedler Larry Henneke Manuel Mendez	
10:30 am	Diana Pimentel Raymundo Moreno Raymundo Moreno, Jr Fernando Moreno	Michael Buchhorn Dena Buchhorn Doris Dold Carol Buchhorn Pat DeDear	Arun Pickens		Michael Buchhorn Dena Buchhorn	Pam Raley	EJ Raley	Randy Clark Brett Ckudre Milton Slaughter	
August 27 <sup>th</sup> 8:00 am	Royce Krueger Terry Krueger Konor Eliot	Cole Neill	Konor Eliot	Dale Hoffmann Shirley Hoffmann	Joyce Cardinell	Jean Huber		Ronnie Wolter Mitchell Thurman Mel Bontrager	PRAYERS August 6 <sup>th</sup> Fernando Moreno August 13 <sup>th</sup> Pam Raley August 20 <sup>th</sup> Marilyn Young August 27 <sup>th</sup> Pat DeDear
10:30 am	Michael Buchhorn Dena Buchhorn Darryl Kern Hanta Andriamihaja	Hannah Morris		Haley Morris Billy Blanchard	Laura Wright	Norma Lawrence		Dale Hoffmann Lewis Keith EJ Raley	

## August Birthdays

8/1 - Lana Reimann	8/5 - Kaci Haschke	8/6 - Sallie Smith	8/8 - Marie Stenseth
8/9 - Paula Fiedler	8/10 - Jeanne Janis	8/11 - AJ Carter	8/14 - Stephanie Mueller
8/15 - Madison Sanford	8/16 - Sandy Morgan	8/16 - Luke McGehee	8/17 - Wanda Hahn
8/17 - Alypia Rangnow	8/18 - Sylvia Karnowski	8/19 - Felton Dohmann	8/23 - Maxine Dohmann
8/23 - Claire Obsta	8/26 - Betty Wendt	8/26 - Kole Eliot	8/27 - William Loper
8/28 - Barry Hartman	8/31 - Dana Pustejovsky		

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY LED BY PASTOR LA

Will begin again on Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Christian Ed Building.  
All are encouraged to attend Oasis at 5:45 pm and stay for Bible study.



**MISSION OPPORTUNITY** - Pastor John Mabonga from Kenya will be in Victoria from August 18<sup>th</sup> – August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Activities to meet and hear about what's going on at Liberty School are being planned. Once these plans are finalized, announcements will be made. If you would be interested in hosting Pastor John for a day (or more) contact Darryl Kern 361-571-3614.



**Mission Moment**  
by Pastor Bryce Fommwalt  
Director of Mission Growth



**GATHERED & SENT** – As I sit down to write this article, my mind is full of all the last-minute arrangements that are yet to be completed for our 2023 District Gathering in New Braunfels, Texas. Yet as many of you read this, the Gathering itself will already be in the rearview mirror. I am praying for a wonderful Gathering that inspires and empowers God's people to be SENT by Jesus to be his witnesses in the world!

Our theme this year is SENT and is derived from Jesus giving the Great Commission in Acts 1:8, "You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." It is my firm belief that the church is defined by its mission. We do not simply occupy space in this world while consuming resources. We are SENT by Jesus for a mission! The challenge is for each person, and every congregation to discern what that looks like in your day-to-day life in your community and context.

I would like to invite you to take inventory of all the activities that occupy your day-to-day life, both personally as well as for your church. Typically, our lives are filled with those activities that could be broadly categorized in one of three groups: activities required to sustain life, the things that we enjoy, and then everything else! While it may be worth analyzing the stewardship of all three categories, it is this third that needs our greatest attention.

Here we may identify things that we do because of others' expectations, or traditions that simply haven't been broken or updated, and even things that we have no idea why we do them! It is tempting to replace these activities with more things that we enjoy. But I would suggest that we focus instead on pursuing mission, our God-given purpose. This third category ought to be filled with God-directed and empowered activities of purpose connected to what Jesus SENT us to do and be!

For example, churches often adopt patterns of ministry that were designed with a mission to reach their communities with the Gospel of Jesus Christ generations ago. Many churches still fill their time and expend their energy trying to maintain these same activities that were once integral to the church's mission but stopped being effective decades ago. Sometimes we need to pause and rethink what we are doing and both why and how we are doing it. Is this how Jesus is sending us to be his witnesses to our community today?

I am excited for our Gathering because we gather for a purpose. Just like Jesus' first followers in Acts 1:8, we gather to be encouraged, inspired, empowered... and SENT by Jesus to live with a mission and on purpose in our communities.



**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.

## 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:**  
Carol Buchhorn      Gloria Seiler



**We extend our deepest sympathy to...**  
...the family of Elaine Shutter  
...Blane & Diane Schroeder on the loss of their daughter-in-law

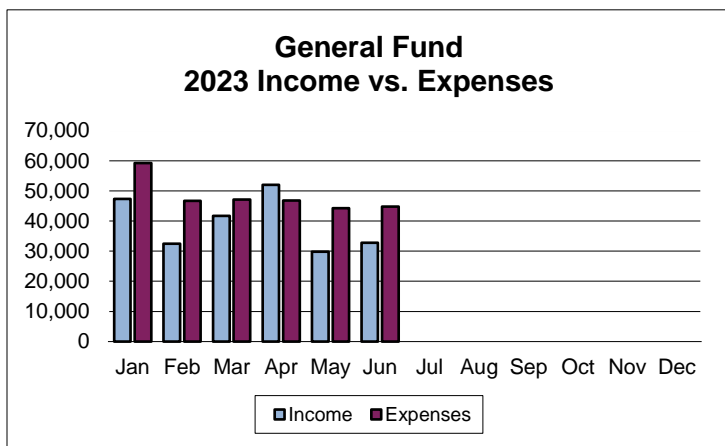


**Received in Holy Baptism:**  
Matthew Anthony Mesa  
Melanie Lynn Mesa  
Brayden Mesa



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

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



### July Attendance

Our average weekly attendance  
for July 168.

July 2 <sup>nd</sup>	146
July 9 <sup>th</sup>	183
July 16 <sup>th</sup>	176
July 23 <sup>rd</sup>	163

Praise the Lord!

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

Psalm 150:1



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

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

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 your donation to Christ's Kitchen it will help us to continue serving a hot meal at no charge to people in need.

On behalf of Promise Pointe, thank you so much for your kind donation. Our promise to you is to use it wisely to help as many people as we possibly can. Sister Rebecca Janacek

Thank You to everyone who helped with the bake sale and to those who bought goodies or made a donation to the CYF Ministry's Youth Hallway Renovation.

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**1. IN PERSON/WORSHIP** - On Sunday mornings during worship simply place your offering in the plate. If you miss the plate, there is a donation box at the Welcome Center.

**2. 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:

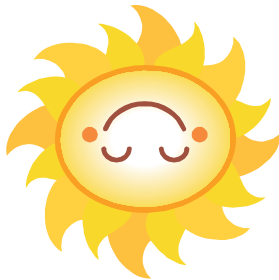
- 1) Visit the church website at [www.oslcvictoria.com](http://www.oslcvictoria.com),
- 2) Click on the [Donate] tab,
- 3) Click on the [Give] line,
- 4) Click on the [Create Profile] button, then
- 5) Follow the instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your contributions.

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.

**3. RECURRING/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. Forms are available in the church office.

**4. MAIL** - You may mail your offering into Our Saviour's at any time to 4102 N. Ben Jordan, Victoria, Tx 77901.

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**FYI - CHURCH CONTACTS**

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Music Director – Amanda Christian  
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