



**REMINDER: DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS AT 2:00 AM SUNDAY, NOV. 5<sup>TH</sup>**  
Remember to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed Saturday night.

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church Women of the Word will host a Bunco Party for men and women on Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. Registration at 1:00 pm, Bunco begins at 1:30 pm with refreshments to follow. Please RSVP to Ann Gaskamp 361-550-2861, Susie Breeden 361-573-6637 or the church office 361-575-4305 by October 29<sup>th</sup>. There will be a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Desk for areas where help is needed. If you would like to help in any of these areas, please sign-up on the Bunco sheet. Thanks for your support! Come out and enjoy an afternoon of fun and fellowship.



**Preview the 2024 Budget:** The congregation will be asked to vote on the 2024 budget proposal at the annual congregational meeting on Sunday, November 12, 2023. Sally Hersey, OSL Financial Administrator, will offer two more budget informational presentations in the Conference Room located in the Youth & Children's wing, before the annual congregational meeting. The presentation will be held on **Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm and Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 am.** The budget presentations are expected to last about 45 minutes, depending on questions.

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(following 2<sup>nd</sup> service) in OSL Multi-Purpose Room. Join us for a catered lunch.

Please make every effort to attend this important meeting.

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

OSL will be hosting a Community Thanksgiving feast on Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm. We are in need of volunteers and monetary donations. Donations can be put in an envelope from the pew and earmarked for “Thanksgiving Feast” and put in the offering plate or wooden box on the Welcome Desk. For more information, please contact Pat 361-676-5087.



Church will be the host of the Community Thanksgiving Service this year. We will join along with them and some of our sister churches to give thanks for our many blessings and offer prayers for our community, nation and world. This service will be held on Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at St. Peter's Baptist Church – 2708 S. Laurent St.



***HOLIDAYS*** – A reminder, the church office will be closed November 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> in observance of Thanksgiving. We give thanks to God for his many blessings and the privilege of serving him through Our Saviour's Lutheran Church.



**POINSETTIAS** – Arrangements have been made to get Christmas Poinsettias from a local florist. The cost of each plant will be \$10.00. If you want a poinsettia in the church for Christmas, you must fill in the order form enclosed or pick one up from the Welcome Desk. Please fill in a form for each poinsettia, include payment with your order and turn into the office or place in the box at the Welcome Desk. **Deadline is Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup>.**



Join us as we Celebrate the Glory of Christmas  
with the music ministry of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church  
Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm

## TUESDAY NOON BIBLE STUDY LED BY PASTOR LA

Meets every Tuesday at 12:00 pm in the Conference Room to study 1 Corinthians.

All are encouraged to attend, bring your lunch and Bible.



Dear Children, Youth and Families,



Happy fall y'all! With the holiday season right around the corner and hunting season underway, I know things are going to start getting a little chaotic. I know, many of you are probably thinking "When are things NOT chaotic?" I would like to take this time to remind you all that we are "too blessed to be stressed." Considering what's going on in other parts of the world, we should

remain humble and grateful for all that we have to worry about (what to cook for dinner, what to wear to school, etc.) as well as the things we DON'T have to worry about. In times when I feel overwhelmed by the seemingly never-ending to-do lists, I try to make a list of the things that I am thankful for. This ministry and this congregation is always at the top of my list. I pray that each of you know that I continuously praise God for you all in my life. I continuously praise God for all that He has used me for within this congregation and within this community. In the spirit of gratitude, I would like to challenge you all to share with those in your life how thankful you are for their presence. Pick one person each week to send them daily reminders of how grateful you are to have them in your life. God has filled our lives with many blessings - but we often overlook them. I hope that this challenge will be a reminder of all the wonderful gifts and amazing people that God has put in our lives.

Many Blessings!

Susan Woodson



**MONTHLY OUTREACH:** The children, youth and family ministry aims to do at least one outreach/service project each month. The third Wednesday of each month is dedicated to doing something that spreads the love of Christ by helping our church/community. If you know of any people or organizations that our Lighthouse students and parents can assist with, please contact Mrs. Susan. We would love to help!

We need students to help with our Community Thanksgiving Dinner on Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm. The CYF ministry will be responsible for cleaning/resetting tables and trash duty. Please sign up at the welcome desk.

**PANCAKES:** We want to say THANK YOU! The CYF ministry team will be hosting a pancake appreciation breakfast on November 19<sup>th</sup> between services. This is to show our appreciation for all the love and support that you all have given us in 2023. Please show up hungry!

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>- Dress up and bring a friend. Jesus will catch me when I "fall". Wear your favorite fall colors (Orange, red or brown).
- Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup> - Pork Chop Dinner Fundraiser sponsored by Atzenhoffer Chevrolet (rescheduled from October 28<sup>th</sup>)
- Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>- Lighthouse Outreach Day
- Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> - Community Thanksgiving Meal 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
- Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>- Pancake Appreciation Breakfast 9:15 am - 10:15 am
- NO WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES NOVEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup>



### PUZZLES AND GAMES:

Last month's answer: The Old Testament was mostly written in ANCIENT HEBREW and the New Testament was mostly written in GREEK.

The first two students to answer this month's question will receive a \$10 fast food gift card.


How many sons did Jacob have? (Hint: it's the same number as the tribes of Israel).





# NOVEMBER 2023



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	 <b>PLEASE NOTE</b> <b>CHURCH EVENTS, DATES AND DETAILS</b> <b>ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE</b>					
5 <i>All Saint's Day</i> <i>Day Light Savings Time Ends</i> <b>8:00 &amp; 10:30 am - Worship Service</b> <b>HOLY COMMUNION</b> <b>HELPING HANDS</b> 9:15 am - Adult, Children & Youth Sunday School 9:15 am - Budget Presentation Bunco 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm	6 8:00 am - Pastor's Advisory Team Meeting 9:00 am - Staff Meeting 6:00 pm - Springfest Mtg.	7 9:30 am - Tabitha Sewing Circle 12:00 pm - Bible Study led by Pastor La 5:30 pm - Ministry Leaders/Team Meeting	8 5:00 pm - Confirmation Class 5:30 pm - Prayer in Chapel 5:45 pm - Oasis Meal 6:30 pm - Lighthouse Small Group 6:30 pm - Sr. Choir Rehearsal	9 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Christian Ed Building Unavailable 6:30 pm - New Member Orientation	10 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	11 <i>Veteran's Day</i> 10:00 am - Life After Loss Support Group Chapel & MPR Rented
12 <b>8:00 &amp; 10:30 am - Worship Service</b> 9:15 am - Adult, Children & Youth Sunday School 11:45 am - Congregational Meeting	13 9:00 am - Staff Meeting 1:30 pm - Pantry Prep 5:00 pm - Executive Council Meeting CYF Pork Chop Fundraiser	14 9:30 am - Tabitha Sewing Circle 12:00 pm - Bible Study led by Pastor La 4:00 pm - Pantry 6:30 pm - Worship Meeting Chapel Rented	15 5:00 pm - Confirmation Class 5:30 pm - Prayer in Chapel 5:45 pm - Oasis Meal 6:30 pm - Lighthouse Small Group 6:30 pm - Sr. Choir Rehearsal	16 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Christian Ed Building Unavailable	17 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> Kitchen & MPR Unavailable	18 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm Community Thanksgiving Meal
19 <b>8:00 &amp; 10:30 am - Worship Service</b> <b>HOLY COMMUNION</b> 9:15 am - Adult, Children & Youth Sunday School 9:15 am - CYF Pancake Appreciation Breakfast 6:30 pm - Community Thanksgiving Service at St Peter's Baptist Church	20 8:00 am - Pastor's Advisory Team Meeting 9:00 am - Staff Meeting 6:00 pm - Women of the Word at Froggies	21 9:30 am - Tabitha Quilting Ministry 6:30 pm - Council Meeting BBQ Pits Unavailable	22 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> There will be no Wednesday night activities the week of Thanksgiving	23 <i>Thanksgiving</i> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> 	24 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	25
26 <i>Christ The King</i> <b>8:00 &amp; 10:30 am - Worship Service</b> 9:15 am - Adult, Children & Youth Sunday School	27 9:00 am - Staff Meeting 1:30 pm - Pantry Prep	28 9:30 am - Tabitha Sewing Circle 12:00 pm - Bible Study led by Pastor La 4:00 pm - Pantry 6:30 pm - Bibles & Brews	29 5:00 pm - Confirmation Class 5:30 pm - Prayer in Chapel 5:45 pm - Oasis Meal 6:30 pm - Lighthouse Small Group 6:30 pm - Sr. Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm - Church Christmas Decorating	30 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Christian Ed Building Unavailable		



# 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. 5 <sup>th</sup> 8:00 am	Dale Hoffmann Shirley Hoffmann Bobby Jacob	Royce Krueger Terry Krueger Steve Fiedler	Jason Loper	Lauren Jackson	Kathleen Reimann Terry Krueger	Jan Jacob	Jean Huber	Gerald Merks Mitchell Thurman Luke Hersey	November 5 <sup>th</sup> Glenn Gisler November 12 <sup>th</sup> Larry Henneke November 19 <sup>th</sup> Darryl Kern November 26 <sup>th</sup> Gerald Merks
10:30 am	Randy Clark Jason Eliot Marilyn Young Konor Eliot	Pam Raley Kathy Ozuna Lisa Price Patty McGehee Janine Rothmann	Conleigh Whitley		Patty McGehee Lisa Price	Brandi Gayle	EJ Raley	Bruce Jank Raymundo Moreno Michael Buchhorn	ALTAR GUILD Jeanette Turek Patty McGehee
Nov. 12 <sup>th</sup> 8:00 am	Gerald Merks Glenn Gisler Laura Johnston		Alex Johnston	Jerri Brown	Janet Merks	Joyce Cardinell	Linda Mueller	Steve Fiedler Royce Krueger John Hersey	ALTAR FLOWERS November 5 <sup>th</sup> Kathleen Reimann November 12 <sup>th</sup> Elaine Smith November 19 <sup>th</sup> November 26 <sup>th</sup>
10:30 am	Doris Dold Debbie Krueger Kurtis Krueger Jason Eliot		Hannah Morris		Diana Pimentel Haley Morris	Kathleen Morris	Norma Lawrence	Stephen Fuhrman Linda Sontag Mel Bontrager	PRAYERS November 5 <sup>th</sup> Fernando Moreno November 12 <sup>th</sup> Pam Raley November 19 <sup>th</sup> Marilyn Young November 26 <sup>th</sup> Pat DeDear
Nov. 19 <sup>th</sup> 8:00 am	Bobby Jacob Mitchell Thurman Mel Bontrager	Libby Stinemman Bobby Stinemman Jean Huber	Cole Neill	Libby Stinemman	Kathleen Reimann Terry Krueger	Jan Jacob	Jean Huber	Dale Hoffmann Carol Buchhorn Manuel Mendez	
10:30 am	Hanta Andriamihaja Dena Buchhorn Michael Buchhorn Darryl Kern	Pam Raley EJ Raley Doris Dold Pat DeDear Carol Buchhorn	Arun Pickens		Eden Yaklin Patty McGehee	Pam Raley	EJ Raley	Randy Clark Brett Ckudre Diane Dabney	
Nov. 26 <sup>th</sup> 8:00 am	Royce Krueger Terry Krueger Steve Fiedler		Alex Johnston	Diane Dabney	Dale Hoffmann Shirley Hoffmann	Joyce Cardinell	Linda Mueller	Ronnie Wolter Richard Ross Milton Slughter	
10:30 am	Randy Clark Patty McGehee Marilyn Young Gary Mueller		Hunter Jacob		Haley Morris Billy Blanchard	Laura Wright	Norma Lawrence	Buck Dabney Lewis Keith EJ Raley	

## November Birthdays

11/1 – Katelyn Mendez	11/1 – Jaxx Rangnow	11/3 – Victor Spacek	11/4 – Arliss Sievers	11/4 – Tristan Hanson
11/5 – Cary Voss	11/6 – Aiden Richhart	11/7 – Mike Samford	11/8 – Linda Sonntag	11/8 – Steve Fiedler
11/10 – Dorothy Waltersdorff	11/11 – Kimberly Neill	11/12 – Elaine Smith	11/14 – Cathleen Schroeter	11/14 – Donnie Kurtz
11/14 – Rodney Pustejovsky	11/18 – Jeanette Turek	11/18 – Virginia King	11/27 – Carolyn Webb	11/30 – Art Schomburg

**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 dedold42@gmail.com. We have recently added cards for milestone birthdays and wedding anniversaries 50<sup>th</sup> & up.**

## **SPRINGFEST 2024 PLANNING MEETING MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:00 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM**



### **WOMEN OF THE WORD**

**W.O.W.** – Will eat out at Froggy's (2902 N Navarro St) on Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. All ladies of Our Saviour's are invited to attend.

### **BIBLES & BREWS – TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:30 PM**

Calling all **Men** to join together for fellowship, worship and discipleship once a month. Bring your Bible, favorite Brew (coffee, tea or beer) and meet in the MPR.



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

Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm in the Conference Room.



### **HELPING HANDS OFFERING SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 5<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](mailto: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 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. If you have any questions, please feel free to talk to Stephen Fuhrman.



**PRAYER MEETING** - Every Wednesday evening at 5:30 pm in the Chapel. Join us 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**

**All Hands on Deck: Training Church Leaders** - I recently returned from LCMC's Annual Gathering in Missouri. It was a great Gathering, as always. This year's theme was "All Hands on Deck" and reflected our present need for the whole church to offer ourselves, and all our gifts and abilities, to Christ and his Kingdom-building ministry in the world. Our association (along with many other denominations) is facing a leadership crisis. As pastors retire or leave full-time vocational ministry, not

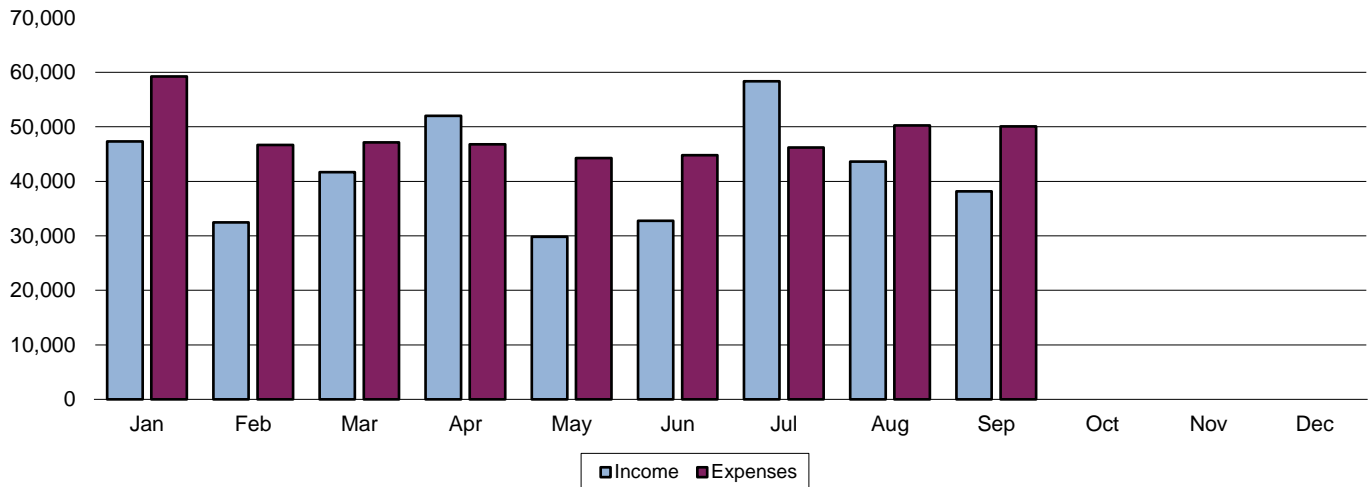
enough new people are entering to keep pace. Simply put, we no longer have enough active pastors for established congregations, never mind planting new ones! The reality is that the old models that previously sustained leadership development for the American church for over a century have been in trouble for a generation or more. While some sounded the alarm 25 years ago, it has only been in the past few years that the issue has become front and center. At this year's Gathering, our association had the courage to address this directly. Hundreds of pastors and other congregational representatives met in focus groups to share ideas, listen to concerns, and pray for God to raise up future leaders to lead our congregations in mission for Christ.

One idea to address our leadership challenge is to help equip church members to step-up to greater leadership roles and responsibilities in specific ministry areas. More congregations are looking beyond traditional models of a full-time professional pastor towards developing teams of ministry specialists (part-time paid staff or volunteer) to share the load. These specialists may already be church members who can be trained and equipped to be a care minister, youth minister, children's minister, Bible study leader, worship leader, church administrator, volunteer coordinator, or even the Sunday morning preacher. These part-time ministers may be retired or have other full or part-time work to sustain them.

Here's the good news: We now have a pathway for better equipping anyone whom God may be calling to step into a greater leadership role in the church! Harvest Workers recently launched a new CHURCH LEADER TRACK that is specifically designed for equipping leaders for specialized ministry roles. Students receive essential ministry training in biblical studies, theological foundations, leadership, discipleship and one area of specialized ministry to which he or she feels called. Similar to our Pastoral Ministry Essentials Track, the Church Leader Track is fully online and on-demand, making it both very flexible to accommodate any schedule as well as affordable. The Church Leader Track can be completed in just 12 months and costs \$165 a month. If you or someone you know is sensing God's nudge to greater leadership in ministry, check-out [www.harvestworkers.net](http://www.harvestworkers.net) to learn more about the Church Leader Track. There's no doubt in my mind that the challenges we face today indeed call for all hands on deck!

## CHURCH FINANCIAL UPDATE

### General Fund 2023 Income vs. Expenses



## CHURCH ATTENDANCE



### October Attendance

Our average weekly attendance  
for October 158.

October 1 <sup>st</sup>	148
October 8 <sup>th</sup>	155
October 15 <sup>th</sup>	171

**GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD.**

*In Everything Give Thanks!*



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.

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

On behalf of Hope Lutheran School, I would like to express our deep appreciation and sincere thankfulness for your great gesture of support for the school. We wish all God's blessings to follow your generous church throughout the new year. Dr. Peri Rasolondraibe

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 to everyone who worked, donated, or attended our Fall Festival it was a huge success. We look forward to doing it again next year, bigger and better.

## 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 Marilyn Kabela

...Joe Woodson & family on the loss of his brother-in-law



**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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