

# FEBRUARY 2024

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Sunday Worship 8:00 & 10:30 am      Sunday School for ALL 9:15 am  
Office Hours: 9am - 4pm Monday – Thursday (Closed 12pm - 1pm for lunch)

## BRING A FRIEND TO CHURCH SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11<sup>TH</sup>



This is a day for us to be intentional about reaching out to people God has placed in our lives. We are going to reach out, invite, and worship alongside our friends who may benefit from being in a Christ-centered community, who are without a church home, or who just need to hear that God loves them!



ASH WEDNESDAY  
BEGINS THE LENTEN SEASON  
JOIN US FOR SERVICE  
FEBRUARY 14<sup>TH</sup> AT 7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICES  
FEBRUARY 21<sup>ST</sup> – MARCH 20<sup>TH</sup>  
AT 6:30 PM IN THE SANCTUARY



## OASIS MEAL EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 5:45 PM IN MPR

Oasis is a time for great food & fellowship, 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, please sign-up at the Welcome Desk. If you need more information, contact the church office.



## SPRINGFEST - MAY 5, 2024



We will be selling BBQ chicken plates with all the trimmings. We will also have a Live Auction, Silent Auction, Raffle, Country Store, Cake Walk and Children's Activities. Pre-sell tickets will be available at the Welcome Desk soon. If you would like to help sell tickets, please contact Michael or Dena Buchhorn.

To make Springfest a successful event, we need lots of help. There are numerous ways to contribute.

### ALL ITEMS DONATED MUST BE NEW

- Monetary Donations (help to purchase food and other supplies)
- Live Auction & Silent Auction Items
- Cakes for Cake Walk and Dessert Table
- Country Store Items - homemade baked goods, canned/pickled goods, and handcrafted items

We also need many, many volunteers. There are various positions available.

The proceeds from this Springfest will be divided between:

Young Life - Victoria, The Humility Project, Bethlehem Maternity Home, & OSL Ministries

**SPRINGFEST MEETING** - Our next Springfest meeting will be Monday, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the Conference Room. Anyone interested in helping is encouraged to attend. Please join us!

OUR SAVIOUR'S MESSAGE



Beloveds of Our Saviour's,

I am writing this article with a great sense of excitement for all that's to happen at Our Saviour's this month. It is my hope that you'd be just as excited and enthused as I am to join us in worship, fellowship, and ministry so as to strengthen your faith in our Lord, increase your love for one another, and grow in your apprenticeship (discipleship) with Jesus each week.

Friends, following last month's sermon series, "**Membership Matters**", I am counting on all our church members to come and worship each Sunday morning to recharge and be empowered by the Gospel, for the sake of the world. As I taught and shared in my sermons last month, as members of the Body of Christ, "U" matter because "U-R" at the center of CH...CH. Otherwise, without "U", the word "ch...rch" is unpronounceable and makes no sense.

Therefore, this Ash Wednesday (February 14<sup>th</sup>), we will officially welcome the season of Lent. I know that not everyone thinks of Lent as a welcome experience. This is probably because for years, the focus of Lent was on self-denial, on "giving something up for Lent". However, there is another view of Lent: it's a time to prepare for the celebration of the resurrection and victory of our Lord. Just as it is in our home, when we're going to have a party or guests, Hanta and I first spend some time cleaning the entire house, making sure that everything is clean, tidy, and in their proper order. We lay in a supply of refreshments. We decorate. And when all is ready and the guests arrive, we celebrate and party on. That being said, preparing is never quite as much fun as celebrating, but it takes preparation to make the celebration possible and enjoyable.

Beloveds, Lent is like that. It's a time for spiritual housecleaning, a time to dust off our faith, shine up our commitment, lay in a supply of thanks, and decorate our lives with the joy of our salvation, in Christ Jesus. Then, when Easter comes, we know in our hearts what the celebration is all about.

So, starting on Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, our Lenten opportunity for spiritual housecleaning begins, which will include the imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion. In addition, immediately following the service, some Prayer Ministers and I will be available to offer individual prayers (with laying on of hands, if desired) for those who'd like prayers.

So, I urge you to come and let us make preparations for this year's Easter celebration. Come together every Sunday morning and on Wednesday nights. The theme and focus of this year's Lenten journey will have us discover and learn the meaning, the significance, and the relevance of our liturgical worship services, starting with "*The Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness*" (in the LBW). Come and learn why we say what we say, do what we do, and why we should continue, or dispense from these practices. As always, friends and neighbors are most encouraged to come and worship with us.

Another exciting opportunity that will be offered this month is a presentation on "**Conservative Theology**". In recent months, I've received inputs and recommendations from several of you, wanting bolder preachings and clear teachings from the pulpit on how we, as a "conservative congregation" are to address, deal with and to confront/respond to the "world" and culture around us. Please know that I'd very much like to do so, but such teachings and preachings will require a deeper dive into scriptures and lengthy studies of our culture/society, making it difficult to offer it in a 20/25 minute-sermon on a Sunday morning.

So, after much prayers and discernments with others, I delight in inviting all members of OSL to come to our Mid-Week Lenten worship service, on Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm. Come for our Oasis dinner in the MPR at 5:45 pm and attend our Lenten worship service where I will address the topic mentioned above. Feel free to invite and bring others with you as this topic might surprise us all on what being a "conservative congregation" truly means and calls for. God-willing, we'll offer these deeper, bolder, and clearer preachings/teachings once a month this year.

Lastly, as we journey through this Lenten season, in preparation for Easter celebration, we will observe an important practice of our Christian tradition known as Easter Vigil. This year's Easter Vigil will be the Saturday before Easter (March 30<sup>th</sup>). That afternoon, we'll gather in the Prayer Garden where we will setup a Baptistry to fully immerse those who desire to affirm their baptism, as well as those who'd like to be baptized for the first time. So, if you are interested in being fully immersed, either to celebrate and affirm your baptism, or to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism for the first time, **please let me know** by Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. There will be a class for both categories on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, in the Conference Room. Until then, be in prayer about it and stay tuned for more teachings and explanations on the significance of this practice and the impact it will have on your faith.

May God's blessings and presence accompany us, always, on our journey ahead this Lenten Season.

Pastor La



## SOUPER BOWL OF CARING SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11<sup>TH</sup>

Please bring your canned goods or monetary donations and help us defeat hunger by donating to OSL Pantry!!! OSL Children & Youth will be collecting donations before and after each service in the Narthex.



### BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER FOR OSL YOUTH SUMMER CAMP

Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup> after each service.

Come get super bowl goodies and support our campers!



The month of February brings to mind hearts, flowers, and love. So in that spirit, let us offer the same love that Christ shows to us. I would like you each to pay special attention to how you treat others. Ask yourselves, "am I treating this person like I love them?" Ask, "am I doing this out of love?" When we share love with others, that is a form of discipleship. Jesus said, "As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this, everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another" (John 13:34-35).

**DATES TO REMEMBER:** Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>

- Souper Bowl of Caring for OSL Pantry.
- Bake Sale Fundraiser for OSL Youth Summer Camp
- Wagyu Rib Raffle
- CYF Sunday Funday in the MPR after 2<sup>nd</sup> service (Pizza and Volleyball)

**WAGYU RIB RAFFLE** - tickets will be sold until February 11<sup>th</sup> for \$10 dollars each. The two winners will be called after second service and cooked ribs will be ready for pick up at 1:00 pm on that day. For more information, see Ms. Susan. All proceeds will benefit our 2024 campers.

**Children, Youth & Family Ministry Sunday Funday** - We will be having volleyball and pizza on Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm in the MPR. Come join us for fun and fellowship.

**Puzzles and Games:** Last month's answer is Miriam. This month's question: Who baptized Jesus? The first two students to answer this month's question correctly will receive a \$10 gift card.

**Important Summer Dates:** Add these dates to your calendar now so you don't miss the fun!

- Camp Eagle, Rocksprings, Tx: June 9<sup>th</sup> - June 13<sup>th</sup>
- LCMC Youth Gathering, Grand View University, Iowa: July 9<sup>th</sup> - July 12<sup>th</sup>
- VBS at OSL: July 21<sup>st</sup> - July 25<sup>th</sup>
- Community Block Party at OSL: July 31<sup>st</sup>



### February Birthdays

2/1 - Ann Kupfernagel  
2/1 - Stella Crawford  
2/5 - Susan Woodson  
2/10 - Lisa Price  
2/14 - Walter Hahn  
2/16 - Don Atkinson  
2/23 - Sandra Hilbrich  
2/24 - Hannah Morris

2/1 - Preston Whitley  
2/2 - Brenda Waltersdorff  
2/6 - Marilyn Young  
2/11 - Randy Clark  
2/14 - Katelyn Rothmann  
2/21 - Leland Schroeter  
2/24 - Pat Kresta  
2/25 - Diane Dabney

2/1 - Cole Neill  
2/5 - Bobby Stirneman  
2/9 - Pat Blanchard  
2/13 - Russell Pruitt  
2/14 - Marlee Garcia  
2/21 - Ann Gaskamp  
2/24 - Stephen Fuhrman  
2/28 - Raymundo Moreno

Card Ministry ~ If you would like to help with this ministry,  
please contact the church office at 361-575-4305.





# FEBRUARY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div><div>IMPORTANT REMINDER</div><p>If you volunteered at OSL January 2023 ~ December 2023 You are cordially invited to attend our Volunteer Appreciation Banquet being held in your honor on Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> Happy Hour 5:30 pm ★ Dinner 6:00 pm in the Multipurpose Room Please RSVP to 361-575-4305 by Monday, Jan. 29<sup>th</sup></p></div>						
4 8:00 - Traditional Worship Service 10:30 am - Contemporary Worship Service HOLY COMMUNION HELPING HANDS 9:15 am - Adult, Children & Youth Sunday School	5 8:00 am - Pastor's Advisory Team Meeting 9:00 am - Staff Meeting 5:15 pm - Fellowship Meeting	6 9:30 am - Tabitha Sewing Circle 12:00 pm - Bible Study led by Pastor La 5:30 pm - Ministry Leaders Meeting	7 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	8 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Homeschool Group	9 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Hospice Crochet Group	10 10:00 am - Life After Loss Support Group
11 8:00 - Traditional Worship Service 10:30 am - Contemporary Worship Service Bring A Friend Sunday Souper Bowl of Caring & CYF Bake Sale 9:15 am - Adult, Children & Youth Sunday School	12 9:00 am - Staff Meeting 1:30 pm - Pantry Prep 5:00 pm - Executive Council Meeting 6:00 pm - Springfest Meeting	13 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	14 Valentine's Day Ash Wednesday 7:00 pm - Ash Wednesday Service	15 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Homeschool Group	16 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Hospice Crochet Group	17 Christian Ed Building Rented
18 8:00 - Traditional Worship Service 10:30 am - Contemporary Worship Service HOLY COMMUNION 9:15 am - Adult, Children & Youth Sunday School	19 President's Day 8:00 am - Pastor's Advisory Team Meeting 9:00 am - Staff Meeting 6:00 pm - Women of the Word in the MPR	20 9:30 am - Tabitha Sewing Circle 12:00 pm - Bible Study led by Pastor La 6:30 pm - Council Meeting	21 5:00 pm - Confirmation Class 5:30 pm - Prayer in Chapel 5:45 pm - Oasis Meal 6:30 pm - Lenten Service 6:30 pm - Conservative Theology Talk	22 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Homeschool Group	23 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Hospice Crochet Group	24
25 8:00 - Traditional Worship Service 10:30 am - Contemporary Worship Service 9:15 am - Adult, Children & Youth Sunday School	26 9:00 am - Staff Meeting 1:30 pm - Pantry Prep	27 9:30 am - Tabitha Sewing Circle 12:00 pm - Bible Study led by Pastor La 4:00 pm - Pantry 6:30 pm - Bibles & Brews	28 5:00 pm - Confirmation Class 5:30 pm - Prayer in Chapel 5:45 pm - Oasis Meal 6:30 pm - Lenten Service	29 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Homeschool Group	<div><div>PLEASE NOTE</div><p><b>CHURCH EVENTS, DATES AND DETAILS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE</b></p></div>	



# 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
Feb. 4 <sup>th</sup> 8:00 am	Dale Hoffmann Shirley Hoffmann Bobby Jacob	Royce Krueger Terry Krueger Steve Fiedler	Cole Neill	Glen Gisler	Kathleen Reimann Jan Jacob	Joyce Cardinell	Linda Mueller	Randy Clark Carol Buchhorn Michael Buchhorn	February 4 <sup>th</sup> Becky Linville February 11 <sup>th</sup> Kim Neill
10:30 am	Diana Pimentel Raymundo Moreno Raymundo Moreno, Jr Fernando Moreno	Brett Ckudre Kathy Ozuna Lisa Price Patty McGehee Janine Rothmann	Conleigh Whitley		Lisa Price Patty McGehee	Laura Wright	EJ Raley	Stephen Fuhrman Linda Sonntag Manuel Mendez	Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14 <sup>th</sup> Becky Linville February 18 <sup>th</sup> Hanta Andriamihaja
Feb. 11 <sup>th</sup> 8:00 am	Gerald Merks Glenn Gisler Laura Johnston		Alex Johnston	Bruce Jank	Janet Merks	Brandi Gayle	Jean Huber	Dale Hoffmann Mitchell Thurman Linda Mueller	Wednesday, Feb. 21 <sup>st</sup> Kim Neill
10:30 am	Randy Clark Jason Eliot Marilyn Young Patty McGehee		Hannah Morris		Katy Morris Haley Morris	Kathleen Morris	Norma Lawrence	Bruce Jank Lewis Keith EJ Raley	February 25 <sup>th</sup> Diana Pimentel Wednesday, Feb. 28 <sup>th</sup> Hanta Andriamihaja
Feb. 14 <sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday 7:00 pm	Hanta Andriamihaja Randy Clark Jason Eliot John Hersey	Pam Raley Steve Fiedler Gary Mueller Marilyn Young	Konor Eliot		Gina Eliot Sally Hersey	Pam Raley	EJ Raley	Gerald Merks Richard Ross Luke Hersey	ALTAR GUILD Linda Mueller Marilyn Young Lisa Stoeltje
Feb. 18 <sup>th</sup> 8:00 am	Steve Fiedler Mitchell Thurman Mel Bontrager	Libby Stirneman Bob Stirneman Jean Huber	Jason Loper	Steve Fiedler	Dale Hoffmann Shirley Hoffmann	Joyce Cardinell	Linda Mueller	Ronnie Wolter Royce Krueger Milton Slaughter	ALTAR FLOWERS February 4 <sup>th</sup> Marilyn Young
10:30 am	Billy Blanchard Michael Buchhorn Dena Buchhorn Darryl Kern	Pam Raley EJ Raley Marilyn Young Pat DeDear Carol Buchhorn	Arun Pickens		Eden Yaklin Sharon Kacir	Pam Raley	EJ Raley	Steve Fiedler Randy McGehee Mel Bontrager	February 11 <sup>th</sup> Gina Eliot February 18 <sup>th</sup>
Feb. 21 <sup>st</sup> 6:30 pm	Kurtis Krueger Debbie Krueger		Cole Neill					Buck Dabney Raymundo Moreno Diane Dabney	February 25 <sup>th</sup> Louis Willeke
Feb. 25 <sup>th</sup> 8:00 am	Royce Krueger Terry Krueger Lynna Briggs		Alex Johnston	Jan Jacob	Kathleen Reimann Jan Jacob	Brandi Gayle	Jean Huber	Randy Clark Carol Buchhorn Michael Buchhorn	ALTAR FLOWERS February 4 <sup>th</sup> Fernando Moreno
10:30 am	Diana Pimentel Raymundo Moreno Raymundo Moreno, Jr Fernando Moreno		Tanner Jacob		Haley Morris Billy Blanchard	Laura Wright	Norma Lawrence	Stephen Fuhrman Linda Sonntag Manuel Mendez	February 11 <sup>th</sup> Pam Raley February 18 <sup>th</sup> Marilyn Young
Feb. 28 <sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm	Michael Buchhorn Dena Buchhorn		Konor Eliot					Dale Hoffmann Mitchell Thurman Linda Mueller	February 25 <sup>th</sup> Pat DeDear



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



**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

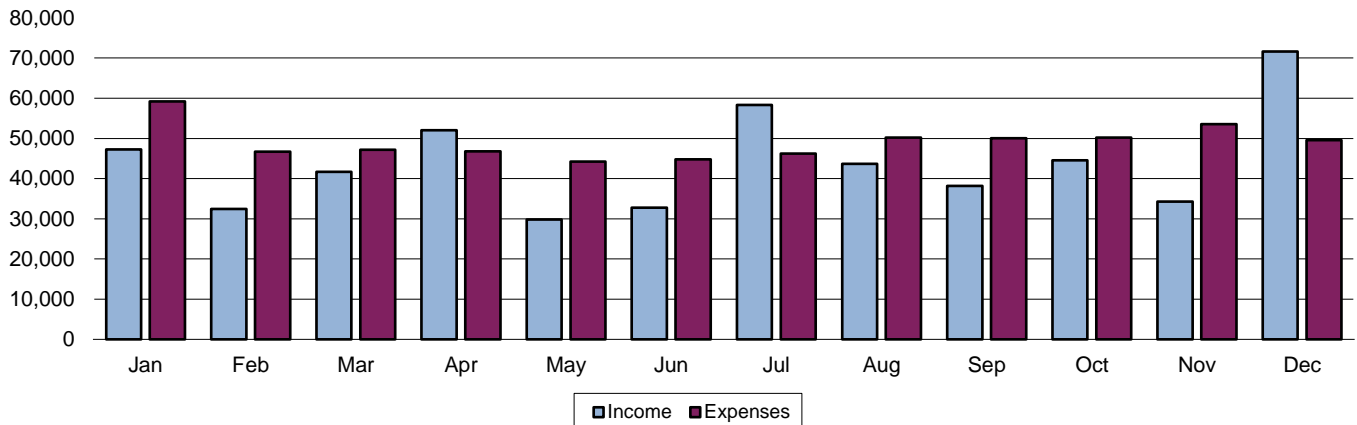


## HARVEST

God is calling the church to more. That more isn't simply to worry about stopping decline and growing our congregation. The more God is calling the church to is a mission that extends beyond our church walls and prioritizes connecting people to Jesus.

## CHURCH FINANCIAL UPDATE

### General Fund 2023 Income vs. Expenses



## CHURCH ATTENDANCE

### January Attendance

Our average weekly attendance for January 178.

January 7 <sup>th</sup>	196
January 14 <sup>th</sup>	165
January 21 <sup>st</sup>	173

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



Thank you for giving so generously to the Lutheran Disaster Response. Your support helps our church continue its effective and efficient response to disasters.

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 your generous donation to VCAM. We appreciate your support of our ministry. We are truly grateful.

Thank you for your donation to Christ's Kitchen. It will help us to continue serving a hot meal at no charge to be 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.

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

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

## 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:  
Elaine Thurman



**We extend our deepest sympathy to...**

...Pat Blanchard & family on the loss of her mother  
...Billy Blanchard & family on the loss of his grandmother  
...Katy Morris & family on the loss of her grandmother



**We welcome our newest members:**  
Brain & Jennifer Jank and their children:  
Violet, Ivy, Gibson, Jazmine & Briar



**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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