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OUR SAVIOUR'S MESSAGE

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)



HE IS RISEN!

Beloveds of the Risen Lord,

Given the unpredictability of our USPS mail delivery, you've either received this newsletter in the mail before Easter, or well after. In either case, I pray that this Easter Season will revive, refresh, and restore your hopes, faith, and participation in the Body of Christ as we continue to stretch and expand our Lord's Kingdom on earth. After all, we are followers of the only man who has ever defeated and vanquished the powers of sin, death, Satan, and Hell by coming back to life and offering all who believe in him an abundant and everlasting life. May you be strengthened, empowered, and sustained by fact and reality as you face each day ahead, especially as we face what is likely to be another turbulent election year. As your pastor, I encourage you to pray for God's will and his Kingdom to come upon us, not ours. And as you do so, pray for the same for the rest of our planet so that "all may experience God", as is our vision as a congregation.

Now, as we live in the reality of this Easter Season, there are a couple opportunities that I'd like to invite and encourage you to take part in – all for the glory of God, and for the benefit of his people.

First, if you are currently serving, or haven't but would like to serve in any of the following Sunday morning ministries (Greeter, Welcomer, Usher, Leader-in-Charge, and/or Safety Team), please make sure that you are in attendance at a meeting on **Saturday, April 13th at 10:00 a.m.**, in the Christian Education (Door E) Great Room. This meeting will be a "refresher" course on how our Sunday services are to "flow" between these Sunday morning ministries. The meeting is to help clarify and to mitigate confusions of roles and expectations among those who are passionate in their serving of the Lord. Please do not skip out on this crucial meeting so as to ensure that we're all "on the same page", for the sake of all who've been led by the Holy Spirit to worship and experience God among us.

Second, as you may already know we are currently in search of a part-time Choir Director and a Children, Youth and Family (CYF) Director(s). You can help with our search by praying that God will stir up, lead, and guide the right persons for these positions. Then, help spread the word about our search and direct any who may be interested to contact the Church Office for more info. Lastly, please be patient as we wait for whom the Lord will provide for us to fill these positions.

FYI: Our Sunday worship sermon series during this month of April is entitled, "He is Risen! So what?" As your pastor, I strongly encourage you to come each Sunday, bring friends, reengage with those whom we've missed among us, and learn why being Easter People matters in our lives and in the world around us.

Yes, the Lord Jesus is risen, indeed! Hallelujah!!



Reminder, the church office will be closed Monday, April 1st for the Easter Holiday.



New Membership Class/Orientation - For those who are interested in being a member or for those who are curious as to what being a member at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church is all about, you are invited to join Pastor La Thursday, April 4th at 6:30 pm in the Conference Room. The class is FREE, but registration (sign-up) is expected, please contact the Church Office at 361-575-4305 or email geliot@oslcvictoria.com to sign-up.

SPRINGFEST - MAY 5, 2024



ACTIVITIES 10:30 AM UNTIL 2:00 PM SERVING 11:00AM - 1:00 PM



We will be selling \$12 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. Springfest Raffle tickets are on sale now for \$5 donation per ticket or 5 tickets for \$20 in the Narthex. Come buy yours and take some to sell to others. Pre-sell meal tickets are available in the Narthex. 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 volunteers. There are various positions available. Check the sign-up sheets in the Narthex.

The proceeds from this Springfest will be divided between:

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

SPRINGFEST MEETING – Monday, April 1st at 6:00 pm in the Conference Room. Anyone interested in helping is encouraged to attend. Please join us!



April showers bring May flowers. It is spring, the time of year when the rain flows and then begins to slow to reveal the growth and beauty of creation and our Creator. Our CYF Ministry here at Our Saviour's is continuing to grow also as we have new families joining & visiting, exciting events on the calendar and the search for a new CYF Director. Please continue to pray for our ministry and that God will lead the right person to this position.



LIGHTHOUSE: We will resume our regular Lighthouse schedule on Wednesday, April 3rd.

SPRINGFEST: We still need volunteers to help with the Children and Youth activities for Springfest which include- cotton candy making, facepainting, a bounce house, and "Hoops Inflatable Basketball game."



Rummage Our 4th annual CYF Rummage Sale will be held Friday, May 31st & Saturday, June 1st. We will begin accepting donations (no clothing) on May 6th. Anyone who wants to help with set up, pricing, day(s) of, or clean up, please contact Deanna Jacob.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- April 3rd: 5:00 pm - Confirmation, 5:45 pm - Oasis Meal & 6:30 pm - Lighthouse
- April 10th: 5:00 pm - Confirmation, 5:45 pm - Oasis Meal & 6:30 pm - Lighthouse
- April 17th: 5:00 pm - Confirmation, 5:45 pm - Oasis Meal & 6:30 pm - Lighthouse
- April 21st: Faith on Fire Worship Night 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
- April 24th: 5:00 pm - Confirmation, 5:45 pm - Oasis Meal & 6:30 pm - Lighthouse

IMPORTANT SUMMER DATES TO SAVE:

- May 31st & June 1st - Rummage Sale
- June 9th - 13th - Camp Eagle
- June 30th - Youth Led Service
- July 9th - 12th - LCMC Youth Gathering in Iowa
- July 21st - 24th - Vacation Bible School



BIBLE STUDY FOR ALL LED BY PASTOR LA NEW DATE & TIME

Every Thursday 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm in the Conference Room.
Beginning Thursday, April 11th. All are Welcome!

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.



FAITH ON FIRE WORSHIP NIGHT

**Come gather around the fire, enjoy fellowship, worship,
hot dogs, s'mores and more
on Sunday, April 21st from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm
in the playground by the Church Office.**



WOMEN OF THE WORD

W.O.W. - Will meet on Monday, April 15th 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.



**BIBLES & BREWS MEN'S GROUP
TUESDAY, APRIL 23RD AT 6:30 PM**

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



OSL MINISTRY LEADERS MEETING ON THE 1ST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

Tuesday, April 2nd at 5:30 pm in the Christian Ed Building.



HELPING HANDS OFFERING SUNDAY – April 7TH

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 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 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, April 13th 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.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 OFFICE CLOSED 5:30 pm - Fellowship Mtg. 6:00 pm - Springfest Meeting	2 9:00 am - Staff Meeting 9:30 am - Tabitha Sewing Circle 5:30 pm - Ministry Leaders Mtg.	3 5:00 pm - Confirmation Class 5:30 pm - Prayer in Chapel 5:45 pm - Oasis Meal 6:30 pm - Lighthouse Small Group	4 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Homeschool Group 6:30 pm - New Member Orientation	5 OFFICE CLOSED 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Hospice Crochet Group MPR Unavailable	6
7 8:00 - Traditional Worship Service 10:30 am - Contemporary Worship Service HOLY COMMUNION HELPING HANDS 9:15 am - Adult, Children & Youth Sunday School	8 8:00 am - Pastor's Advisory Team Meeting 9:00 am - Staff Meeting 1:30 pm - Pantry Prep 5:00 pm - Executive Council Meeting	9 9:30 am - Tabitha Sewing Circle 4:00 pm - Pantry 6:30 pm - Worship Meeting Chapel Rented	10 5:00 pm - Confirmation Class 5:30 pm - Prayer in Chapel 5:45 pm - Oasis Meal 6:30 pm - Lighthouse Small Group	11 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Homeschool Group 6:30 pm - Bible Study led by Pastor La	12 OFFICE CLOSED 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Hospice Crochet Group MPR Unavailable	13 10:00 am - Life After Loss Support Group 10:00 am - Sunday Morning Leaders Training/Refresher Class
14 8:00 - Traditional Worship Service 10:30 am - Contemporary Worship Service 9:15 am - Adult, Children & Youth Sunday School	15 9:00 am - Staff Meeting 6:00 pm - Women of the Word	16 9:30 am - Tabitha Sewing Circle 6:30 pm - Council Meeting	17 5:00 pm - Confirmation Class 5:30 pm - Prayer in Chapel 5:45 pm - Oasis Meal 6:30 pm - Lighthouse Small Group	18 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Homeschool Group 6:30 pm - Bible Study led by Pastor La	19 OFFICE CLOSED 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Hospice Crochet Group Sanctuary & MPR Unavailable	20 Sanctuary & MPR Rented
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28 8:00 - Traditional Worship Service 10:30 am - Contemporary Worship Service 9:15 am - Adult, Children & Youth Sunday School	29 9:00 am - Staff Meeting MPR Unavailable	30 9:30 am - Tabitha Sewing Circle MPR Unavailable				

PLEASE NOTE

CHURCH EVENTS, DATES AND DETAILS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE



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
April 7 th 8:00 am	Dale Hoffman Shirley Hoffmann Steve Fiedler	Royce Krueger Terry Krueger Jean Huber	Jason Loper	Steve Fiedler	Kathleen Reimann Terry Krueger	Joyce Cardinell	Linda Mueller	Randy Clark Carol Buchhorn Michael Buchhorn	April 7 th Jason Eliot April 14 th Laura Wright April 21 st Stephen Fuhrman April 28 th Katy Morris
10:30 am	Tom Willis Sharon Kacir Marilyn Young Billy Blanchard	EJ Raley Pam Raley Kathy Ozuna Patty McGehee Janine Rothmann	Hannah Morris		Haley Morris Katy Morris	Pam Raley	EJ Raley	Ronnie Wolter Lewis Keith Mel Bontrager	
April 14 th 8:00 am	Gerald Merks Laura Johnston Jeri Brown		Alex Johnston	Jeri Brown	Janet Merks	Brandi Gayle	Jean Huber	Gerald Merks Richard Ross Luke Hersey	ALTAR GUILD Janell Blevins Irene Hahn Marilyn Young
10:30 am	Randy Clark Patty McGehee Gary Mueller Darryl Kern		Conleigh Whitley		Michael Buchhorn Dena Buchhorn	Kathleen Morris	Norma Lawrence	Stephen Fuhrman Randy McGehee Manuel Mendez	ALTAR FLOWERS April 7 th Jean Huber April 14 th April 21 st April 28 th Sally Hersey
April 21 st 8:00 am	Royce Krueger Mitchell Thurman Mel Bontrager	Gina Eliot Steve Fiedler Joyce Cardinell	Cole Neill	Bruce Jank	Dale Hoffmann Shirley Hoffmann	Joyce Cardinell	Linda Mueller	Dale Hoffmann Raymundo Moreno Milton Slaughtner	
10:30 am	Hanta Andriamihaja Kurtis Krueger Debbie Krueger Jason Eliot	Michael Buchhorn Dena Buchhorn Marilyn Young Carol Buchhorn Lisa Price	Arun Pickens		Lisa Price Patty McGehee	Pam Raley	EJ Raley	Buck Dabney Brett Ckudre Diane Dabney	
April 28 th 8:00 am	Dan Briggs Lynna Briggs Glenn Gisler		Jason Loper	Glenn Gisler	Kathleen Reimann Terry Krueger	Brandi Gayle	Jean Huber	Steve Fiedler Mitchell Thurman Linda Mueller	PRAYERS April 7 th Marilyn Young April 14 th Pat DeDear April 21 st Ryan Price April 28 th Sharon Kacir
10:30 am	Diana Pimentel Raymundo Moreno Raymundo Moreno, Jr Fernando Moreno		Hunter Jacob		Eden Yaklin Sharon Kacir	Laura Wright	Norma Lawrence	Bruce Jank Royce Krueger EJ Raley	

April Birthdays

4/1 – Wilma Ferry
4/6 – EJ Raley
4/10 – Ashley Green
4/17 – Brett Ckudre
4/28 – Kelly Whitley

4/2 – Rebekah Wieting
4/6 – Hollyce Rhodes
4/13 – Lewis Keith
4/19 – Rox Slaughtner
4/30 – Lauren Jackson

4/4 – Milton Slaughtner
4/7 – Patty Kurtz
4/13 – Judah Pickens
4/19 – Jim Carter

4/4 – Melissa Hanson
4/7 – Jason Eliot
4/14 – Steve Burkhardt
4/24 – Buck Dabney

4/6 – Nell Bush
4/7 – Nicole Harp
4/16 – Elaine Thurman
4/27 – Greg Smith

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

TONE CHIMES



Tone Chimes will kick-off rehearsals again on Sunday, April 7th following the second service in the Bells/Brides Room. Rehearsals will last about 30 minutes. Any youth, grades 6-12, who would

like to participate are invited to attend. This includes former and new potential members. For more information contact Kathy Kern, 361-648-9105.



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.

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



Mission Moment

by Pastor Bryce Formwalt
Director of Mission Growth



HARVEST WORKERS

Speaking Truth in Love:

"But speaking the truth in love, let us grow in every way into him who is the head—Christ." – Ephesians 4:15

I was recently asked my opinion regarding how churches, pastors and followers of Jesus should talk about difficult, hot-button topics in a way that is faithful but also does not exacerbate the divisions that often exist between us and the very people we are called to reach with the Gospel. This is an excellent question and is worthy of thoughtful reflection and conversation. I hope that this might spur-on thoughtful dialogue for you and your church as each of us wrestles with the tension between being faithful to what we know to be true and honoring God by loving those who do not share our faith or worldview.

While homosexuality happened to be the topic of interest for this person, similar questions have been asked about abortion and gender identity as well as other contentious topics where a biblical morality and a sense of personal freedom collide. Regardless of what the hot-button topic is, effectively communicating the Gospel is an ongoing challenge for any follower of Jesus. So how do we handle these sensitive topics while being mindful of our mission? We need to speak the truth in love.

Relationships are key to transformational love. The adage "people don't care about what you know until they know that you care" rings true. I don't think anyone had their worldview or moral systems rearranged because they were argued into agreement. Our priority must be to get into a position to influence another person. This happens best by building an authentic, loving relationship with people who order their beliefs differently than we do. How do we do this? We find a common interest, make an investment of time, and ask questions of genuine curiosity all while enjoying and celebrating the gift of sharing time. At some point, your new friend will likely reciprocate with curiosity and interest in you and what you believe. Eventually, God will give you opportunities for sharing the Gospel, opening the door for authentic transformation.

Attentive to the work of the Holy Spirit in these moments, courageously meet your new friend right where they are with the truth spoken in love. Recall the compassionate love of God that meets you in your sin, brokenness, and the arrogance of your better ideas. Draw upon that well, seeking to reflect God's love in your own relationship with the person you are ministering to. Embodying the love of Jesus is critical as we share biblical truth and introduce the Gospel of salvation. With patience, persevere in loving those who see things differently. Remember: they are not an enemy to be conquered... they are the prize to be won!

COMMUNITY NEWS

BUNCO AND DOMINOES FUN HOSTED BY TRINITY LUTHERAN WELCA

404 E. Constitution

Monday, April 22nd Registration at 5:30 pm Eat at 6:00 pm Play at 6:30 pm

RSVP by April 19th by phone/text to 361-935-5699, 361-649-8204

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