

MAY 2024

OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
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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)



Dear Sisters and Brothers of Our Saviour's,

“What’s Good Here?”

“Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.” (Rom. 12:9)

When my beautiful wife, Hanta, and I go out to eat at restaurants that are new to us, one of the questions that I usually ask of the wait-staff as we're being seated, is “What’s good here?” And without exception, the answer is always, “Everything!” Hmm..., would you answer the same way about the state and condition of our city, state, country, and the world today should an extraterrestrial from outer space ask you, “What’s good here?”

In all honesty, I would be hard pressed to say, “Everything” is good on earth, given the realities of increasing wars, conflicts, disasters (natural and man-made), famines, diseases, corruptions, and hatreds of all kinds happening in and around us today - all televised, hyped up, and sensationalized by the medias, both on the “right” and on the “left”. Even more, I am fully aware that we live in a broken, flawed, and sin-filled world, wherein “the enemy” (Satan, the Devil, the Evil one) has and continues to possess, influence and mislead the minds and hearts of many in our country, in the world around us, and even among the Christian Churches. In recent years, so it seems, “the bad and the ugly” have overshadowed “the good”, making it difficult for many to trust in God’s goodness.

So, for this month of May, rather than focus and highlight the “negatives” and the lies of Satan among us, I’d like to issue y’all a challenge. Consider for a moment that some guests/visitors have found themselves among us one day and ask you, “What’s good here at Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church?” What will you tell them? What specific positive things, ministries, events, etc., would you gush about with them about our beloved congregation?

In the sure and certain hope that you’d have at least one answer to this question, from May 5th to 28th, there will be a stack of papers on the Welcome Desk in the Narthex, for you to write down your answer(s) and place it in the wooden box at the left side of the Desk. Furthermore, I highly encourage you to “hype up” and accentuate the goods and the positives at OSL, and downsize and minimize the negatives, wherever you go and to whomever you’re with.

Family, I look forward to reading and hearing your answers so that I’d be affirmed in what I know to be true that the goodness of God in our midst have, and shall not be masked, hidden, nor pushed out by Satan’s wiles and deceptions. For I know and trust in our risen Christ that the best is yet to come – you’ll see!

Pastor La Andriamihaja

2024 LCMC TEXAS DISTRICT GATHERING JULY 26 – 27
at Zion Lutheran in Kerrville, Tx

Early registration is now open! For more information lcmctexas.org/annual-gathering

OSL LCMC TEXAS DISTRICT GATHERING DELEGATES

OSL Council will select two delegates to attend the event. OSL will provide appropriate financial reimbursement (registration fees, transportation, lodging and meals) for two OSL Congregation members selected to be OSL delegates. It is Council practice to rotate the OSL delegates for annual events.

If you are interested in being considered to be delegate to the LCMC Texas District Gathering, please send your request to OSL Council Secretary, Sharon Kacir (skacir@oslcvictoria.com). Please have your request sent by Sunday, May 19th.

OUR SAVIOUR'S MESSAGE

BIBLE STUDY FOR ALL LED BY PASTOR LA

Every Thursday 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm in the Conference Room. All are Welcome!

PANTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Food Bank delivers food on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month. Volunteers are needed from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm to help place food onto shelves and fill boxes for Tuesday’s distribution.

The Pantry distributes food on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Volunteers are needed from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm to assist with distribution of food.

Pantry is also looking for a volunteer or two to help with recycling on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month.

These volunteers would gather the cardboard and take it to the recycling center at the airport.

Please contact Pam Raley if you are interested in volunteering with the OSL Pantry.



WOMEN OF THE WORD



W.O.W. - Will meet on Monday, May 20th 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. W.O.W is collecting canned fruit for the OSL Pantry.

**BIBLES & BREWS MEN’S GROUP
TUESDAY, MAY 28TH 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 Conference Room.



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

Tuesday, May 7th at 5:30 pm in the Christian Ed Building.



HELPING HANDS OFFERING SUNDAY – MAY 5TH

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 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, May 11th at 10:00 am. If you have any questions, please feel free to talk to Stephen Fuhrman.



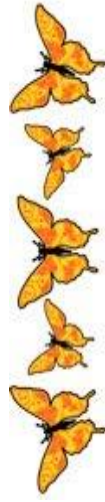
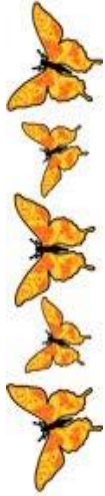
PRAYER MEETING - Every Wednesday evening at 5:30 pm in the Chapel. Join us as we pray for our church, community, and world.

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.

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.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; margin-bottom: 10px;"> PLEASE NOTE </div> <p>CHURCH EVENTS, DATES AND DETAILS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE</p>						
5 8:00 - Traditional Worship Service 10:30 am - Contemporary Worship Service HOLY COMMUNION HELPING HANDS 9:15 am - Adult, Children & Youth Sunday School SPRINGFEST	6 8:00 am - Pastor's Advisory Team Meeting 9:00 am - Staff Meeting	7 9:30 am - Tabitha Sewing Circle 5:30 pm - Ministry Leaders Mtg.	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 - Parent Information Mtg.	9 6:30 pm - Bible Study led by Pastor La	10 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Hospice Crochet Group MPR Unavailable	11 10:00 am - Life After Loss Support Group Chapel Unavailable
12 <i>Mother's Day</i> 8:00 - Traditional Worship Service 10:30 am - Contemporary Worship Service 9:15 am - Adult, Children & Youth Sunday School	13 9:00 am - Staff Meeting 1:30 pm - Pantry Prep 5:00 pm - Executive Council Meeting	14 9:30 am - Tabitha Sewing Circle 4:00 pm - Pantry 6:30 pm - Worship Meeting MPR & Chapel Rented	15 5:00 pm - Confirmation Class 5:30 pm - Prayer in Chapel 5:45 pm - Oasis Meal 6:00 pm - VBS Planning Meeting 6:30 pm - Lighthouse Small Group 6:30 pm - Theology of Glory and Theology of the Cross	16 6:30 pm - Bible Study led by Pastor La	17 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Hospice Crochet Group Sanctuary & MPR Rented	18 Sanctuary & MPR Rented
19 <i>Pentecost</i> 8:00 - Traditional Worship Service 10:30 am - Contemporary Worship Service HOLY COMMUNION	20 8:00 am - Pastor's Advisory Team Meeting 9:00 am - Staff Meeting 6:00 pm - Women of the Word	21 9:30 am - Tabitha Sewing Circle 6:30 pm - Council Meeting	22 5:00 pm - Confirmation Class 5:30 pm - Prayer in Chapel 5:45 pm - Oasis Meal 6:30 pm - Lighthouse Small Group	23 6:30 pm - Bible Study led by Pastor La	24 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Hospice Crochet Group Sanctuary & MPR Rented	25 Sanctuary & MPR Rented
26 <i>The Holy Trinity</i> 8:00 - Traditional Worship Service 10:30 am - Contemporary Worship Service	27 <i>Memorial Day</i> OFFICE CLOSED 1:30 pm - Pantry Prep MPR Unavailable	28 9:00 am - Staff Meeting 9:30 am - Tabitha Sewing Circle 4:00 pm - Pantry 6:30 pm - Bibles & Brew MPR Unavailable	29 5:00 pm - Confirmation Class 5:30 pm - Prayer in Chapel 5:45 pm - Oasis Meal 6:30 pm - Lighthouse Small Group	30 6:30 pm - Bible Study led by Pastor La MPR Unavailable	31 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Hospice Crochet Group CYF Rummage Sale	

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
May 5 th 8:00 am	Dale Hoffman Shirley Hoffmann Bobby Jacob	Glenn Gisler Jean Gisler Gina Eliot	Cole Neill	Darla Jank	Kathleen Reimann Terry Krueger	Jan Jacob	Linda Mueller	Ronnie Wolter Carol Buchhorn Luke Hersey	May 5 th Glenn Gisler May 12 th Barret Jacob May 19 th Darryl Kern May 26 th Becky Linville
10:30 am	Tom Willis Michael Buchhorn Dena Buchhorn Billy Blanchard	Konor Eliot Kathy Ozuna Lisa Price Patty McGehee Janine Rothmann	Tanner Jacob		Lisa Price Patty McGehee	Pam Raley	EJ Raley	Randy Clark Lewis Keith Mel Bontrager	
May 12 th 8:00 am	Gerald Merks Glenn Gisler Jerrl Brown		Jason Loper	Kim Neill	Janet Merks	Terry Krueger	Jean Huber	Gerald Merks Richard Ross Manuel Mendez	ALTAR GUILD Pam Raley Kathleen Ross
10:30 am	Randy Clark Patty McGehee Gary Mueller Darryl Kern		Conleigh Whitley		Katy Morris Haley Morris	Kathleen Morris	Norma Lawrence	Bruce Jank Randy McGehee Diane Dabney	ALTAR FLOWERS May 5 th Kathleen Reimann May 12 th Louis Willeke May 19 th Diana Moreno May 26 th Hanta Andriamahaja
May 19 th 8:00 am	Laura Johnston Mitchell Thurman Mel Bontrager	Royce Kruger Terry Krueger Jean Huber	Alex Johnston	Jerri Brown	Kathleen Reimann Terry Kruger	Jan Jacob	Linda Mueller	Dale Hoffmann Royce Krueger Milton Slaughtner	PRAYERS May 5 th Pam Raley May 12 th Marilyn Young May 19 th Pat Dear May 26 th Sharon Kacir
10:30 am	Hanta Andriamahaja Kurtis Krueger Debbie Krueger Jason Eliot	Michael Buchhorn Dena Buchhorn Marilyn Young Pat DeDear Carol Buchhorn	Arun Pickens		Michael Buchhorn Dena Buchhorn	Pam Raley	EJ Raley	Stephen Fuhrman Raymundo Moreno Michael Buchhorn	
May 26 th 8:00 am	Dan Briggs Lynna Briggs Royce Krueger		Jason Loper	Diane Dabney	Janet Merks	Terry Krueger	Jean Huber	Steve Fiedler Mitchell Thurman Linda Mueller	
10:30 am	Diana Pimentel Raymundo Moreno Raymundo Moreno, Jr Fernando Mbreno		Hunter Jacob		Eden Yaklin Sharon Kacir	Laura Wright	Norma Lawrence	Buck Dabney Lewis Keith EJ Raley	

May Birthdays

5/2 – Dena Buchhorn
5/11 – Erica Rangnow
5/16 – Jordan Janis
5/22 – Debbie Krueger
5/24 – Elaine Sievers
5/30 – Laura Johnston

5/4 – David Franklin
5/11 – Conleigh Whitley
5/17 – Dorothy Jahger
5/22 – Katy Morris
5/24 – Pastor La

5/6 – Arlen Miller
5/12 – Steve Bolle
5/18 – Mark Hanson
5/22 – Jessica Janis
5/29 – Larry Henneke

5/9 – Stacey Frazer
5/12 – Lee Morris
5/20 – Pat DeDear
5/23 – Weyman Reimann
5/30 – Carol DeAtley

5/10 – Karla Rothmann
5/13 – Kenneth Lucke
5/20 – Henry Karnowski
5/23 – Brittany Hempel
5/30 – Deedee Cornelius

OSL Endowment Fund - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church has an "Endowment Fund" which was established by a Church Council resolution, March 14, 2006. The mission of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church Endowment Fund is to provide vehicles and structure for members who have the desire to benefit Our Saviour's Lutheran Church (OSLC) through charitable giving that is consistent with OSLC's mission. While there are many opportunities to fulfill the mission of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, some of the opportunities call for monies that may not be available from regular church giving.

The Endowment Fund can provide a source of funds to benefit the following areas:

- Missions: local, regional, and world projects
- Education: college, seminary, and educational programs for all ages
- Youth: support for youth of all ages
- Worship and Music: support for all areas of worship
- Capital Projects: major renovations and building of new facilities
- Any other areas of need as determined by the Endowment Committee that is consistent with the mission of OSLC

Grant requests are available at the OSL Church Office.

Several past Endowment Fund Grant recipients and their comments are:

- Jason Eliot – Seminary Education Grant "...I finished my degree at Faith Seminary with a Master of Arts in Theological Studies ... served as a supply pastor for several churches including Our Saviour's Lutheran ..."
- Music Ministry Grant – New Audio-Visual Equipment for Sanctuary Grant
"...a grant from the Endowment Fund provided additional funds to replace and upgrade sound and AV equipment to complement the worship experience ..."
- Stephen Ministry Grant – Ministry Leader Training expenses "... the gracious Endowment grant made it possible for us to receive the weeklong training needed to start up the Stephen Ministry at OSLC ..."

Endowment Fund Grant requests for the next school year must be submitted by June 12th to provide time for review, approval and communication of funds availability to the requestor prior to the time funds are needed.

Gifts to the OSLC Endowment Fund will provide cherished value and ministries to the church now and beyond our lifetime. Donors can make contributions to the Fund by a variety of methods. Gifts of all sizes and in many forms are welcome. Information about the Endowment Fund, how to donate or the grant application & process may be obtained at the OSL Church office.



Mission Moment
by Pastor Bryce Formwalt
Director of Mission Growth



We Are Family - See what great love the Father has given us
that we should be called God's children—and we are! 1John 3:1

I have recently been thinking about how rich the image of family is as a metaphor for the church. Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ is an association of congregations and "family" is a great word to describe who we are together and how we relate to one another. We have unity in a common confession of faith and a mission to make new disciples of Jesus in the world. Yet we also celebrate our freedom in Christ that leads to diverse expressions of worship and ministry as each family member lives out their faith differently as each is uniquely called and positioned in the Kingdom of God.

As family we connect, communicate, care for one another, forgive one another, share in each other's joys and sorrows, help one another in times of need, hold one another accountable, offer and receive advice and counsel and respect that each family member is ultimately responsible for themselves and their own decisions. Not only is this a good and helpful understanding for our association, but also for the individual members of a local congregation. The brothers and sisters of Christ gathered in a local church are called into a family relationship. When we are attentive to our church family and live into these relationships well, not only are we blessed by the relationship, but we bear witness to God's love to the world, too!

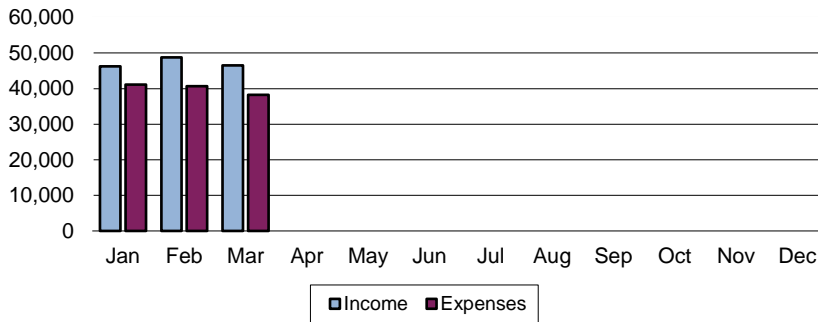
All too often the world sees Christians and the church as unkind, unwelcoming, judgmental, and primarily interested in controlling behaviors according to what the world sees as an antiquated moral code. Unfortunately, some of this reputation is warranted. We probably all are familiar with people and churches that reflect this reality. Yet God's desire for the church is to be the family of God and to lovingly relate to one another in ways that reflect the heart of Christ. If Christians do not love one another, forgive one another, enjoy one another or care for one another, then what does that say about us to the world?

God calls us to be family. We are united in our identity as children of God and co-heirs with Christ. In God's Spirit we are to love one another as Christ loves us, truly caring for one another. As you greet one another, meet with one another, worship and serve with one another, remember that we are family. It will change the way you see and relate to the people you attend church with. And the world will take notice, too. To quote an unbeliever's observation of the early church: "Behold! How they love one another."

CHURCH FINANCIAL UPDATE

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

General Fund 2024 Income vs. Expenses



April Attendance

Our average weekly attendance for April 155.

April 7 th	156
April 14 th	154
April 21 st	154

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



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.

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

The Children, Youth & Family Ministry would like to thank all who helped with and donated to the Easter Breakfast. The donations received will help our youth attend Camp Eagle this summer to grow in their relationship with God and one another.

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

I would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, cards and kind caring thoughts on the recent passing of my sister. It meant so much to me. I am so blessed to have you in my life! Joyce Cardinell

I want to thank all of you who took the time to pray for my recovery, send cards, stopping by, and brought us food during my incapacitated time. You all brightened each and every day. Much love to you. Pat DeDear

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:

Joyce Cardinell Pat DeDear



We welcome our newest members:

Debbie Cavallin
Caitlin Stehling and her children:
Gage, Witten, Ben and Ada



We extend our deepest sympathy to...

...the family of Ann Kupfernagel
...Wanda Hahn & family on the loss of her father
...Hanta Andriamihaja & family on the loss of her brother



Congratulations on your wedding:

Ryan Simnacher to Stacy Garcia

Funeral services were held for:

Ann Kupfernagel



Received in Holy Baptism:

Jason Eric Loper
William Allen Loper



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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