JULY 2024

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Sunday Worship 8:00 & 10:30 am Sunday School for ALL 9:15 am Summer Office Hours: 9am - 3pm Monday – Thursday (Closed 12pm - 1pm for lunch)

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

Our Saviour's Family,

As I write this article, Hanta and I are on our annual pilgrimage to "the holy land" (Minnesota), visiting our children, family, and friends. By the grace of God, we're enjoying our times and reunions with them all, and give God all the praise and thanksgiving for his protection, provisions, and love. I pray that you'd have an opportunity this summer to go on your own "pilgrimage" so as to give God all the glory

and praise for the opportunity he's giving you.

As many of you know, we have hired and commissioned (installed) two young adults for the positions of Directors of Children, Youth and Family (CYF). They are **Stephanie Stevens**, who will primarily be caring for and directing our Children (K - 6 grade) and Family Ministry (CFM), and **Jake Henson**, who will do the same for the 7 – 12 grade Youth and Family Ministry (YFM). Together, they will serve, direct, and lead our Children, Youth and Family (CYF) ministry, under my supervision and with the support of the CYF Committee, and Our Saviour's family. I am excited about what lies ahead for our CYF ministry as Stephanie and Jake have agreed to jump on board with their respective passions, skills, and love for children and youth. On Monday, July 15th at 6:00 pm, come on out to the Ice Cream Social, in the MPR, to meet and get to know these two servants of Christ. May the Lord grant them the patience, the skills, and the love to do what they have been called to do, all for the glory of our God.

Now, on a different note, our sermon series for the early part of this summer is on Prayer – on the Lord's Prayer, to be specific. To practice what we've heard and learned, thus far, I encourage you to consider doing this one thing throughout this month as we brace for another hot summer. Take the time to offer a simple word of prayer to God for anyone that's on your heart and/or mind whenever you enter a cool and air-conditioned home/building/car. You don't have to tell anybody about it - just keep it between you and your Father in heaven; and keep it simple and sincere (KISS). By doing so, you'll remain in contact and in relationship with your Father, the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of the universe, as well as be reminded of who you are and whose you are.

Now, as we're into the summer, I pray that you'd know that...
...The LORD watches over you
the LORD is your shade at your right hand;
the sun will not harm you by day,
nor the moon by night.
The LORD will keep you from all harm
he will watch over your life;
the LORD will watch over your coming and going
both now and forevermore. (Psalm 121:5-8)

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REMINDER: The church office will be closed Thursday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day.

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CONGREGATIONAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL COME AND MEET OUR NEW CYF DIRECTORS

MONDAY, JULY 15TH 6:00 PM IN THE MPR



Each family please bring either a freezer of ice cream or sandwiches or chips and dip to share.

Please look for the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Desk.

Bring your favorite game(s) and enjoy a night of fun.

Don't miss this great time of fellowship, enjoying delicious food and homemade ice cream.

Burgers and Bingo (With a Twist) Friday, July 26th Fundraiser for Liberty School and Hope Lutheran School

Plan on joining us for an evening of great food, fun and fellowship to help us raise funds for our two Global Mission partners in Africia, Liberty School and Hope Lutheran School in Madagascar.

For \$25 you help our Global Mission partners and

enjoy a great hamburger, with all the trimmings, dessert and drink.

Then enjoy playing 12 games of Bingo with the opportunity to win some great prizes.

Fellowship starts at 5:30 pm with the meal served at 6:00 pm. Bingo will follow the meal.

Invite your friends to join us. Please RSVP on the signup sheet in the Narthex or notify the church office.

Another opportunity to help with this fundraiser is to donate a gift card. Gift card donation information is available on the table in the Narthex.





FREE
HOTDOGS
FREE CHIPS
FREE DRINKS
FREE KONA ICE



WEDNESDAY, JULY 31 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM



FREE OUTDOOR
GAMES/
ACTIVITIES
LIVE MUSIC
AND MORE





2024 LCMC TEXAS DISTRICT GATHERING JULY 26 - 27



at Zion Lutheran in Kerrville, Tx
Early registration is now open through June 30th
Adults - \$75 each Under the age of 21 – 50% off
For more information lcmctexas.org/annual-gathering





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, July 11th 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.

SECURITY CODE CHANGE

Per council instructions, the security code on the keypad doors will be changed every six months. The new code will take effect on Monday, July 1st.



Dear Children, Youth and Families of OSLC, Please welcome our new CYF Directors Jake Henson and Stephanie Stevens. Below is a little information about our new directors but please take the opportunity to come meet them in person at the Congregational Ice Cream Social on Monday, July 15th at 6:00 pm in the MPR.

Howdy! My name is Jake Henson, and I am a familiar face to many of y'all! After serving in the praise band for several years, God has decided to line the ducks up for me to take on an additional role at OSL as the Youth & Family Ministry Director! I will be working primarily with the junior high and high school kids and am thankful to have Stephanie Stevens alongside as our other new Co-Director. I believe we have very complementary skill sets that will allow us to build a thriving ministry our congregation can be proud of, and our kids can be excited about sharing with their friends! Your involvement and prayers are greatly appreciated as we begin laying the foundation. God bless! Jake

My name is Stephanie Stevens, and I am the new Children & Family Ministry Director! Some of you might know me better as Stephanie Pfeil, granddaughter of Calvin Sr. and Margaret Pfeil. I grew up coming to OSLC and was very active in the youth group and children's choir. I received my Bachelor of Arts with a Youth Ministry concentration and minor in Psychology from Texas Lutheran University in 2015. In 2018 I married my best friend, Jory Stevens, and together we have 2 dogs, Red & Diesel, and 13 chickens! I look forward to getting to meet all of the members of OSLC and work alongside them as we raise the future of our church! I am always available by phone or feel free to stop by the office on Monday mornings or any time on Wednesdays to visit.

COME AND MAKE A SPLASH AT CROCODILE DOCK VBS SUNDAY, JULY 21ST - WEDNESDAY, JULY 24TH

5:30 pm - 8:30 pm Free Dinner at 5:30 pm Pre-K - 5^{th} grade

 $Register\ online\ at\ https://www.cognitoforms.com FELC Youth Family Ministry/Vacation Bible School Registration$

Family Night ~ Wednesday, July 24th

All are encourage to stay for Hamburgers, VBS Presentation and Ice Cream Sundaes

We are now gathering supplies for VBS. Please stop by the VBS table in the Narthex, if you would like to help with donations.

We need lots of volunteers to make this the biggest and best VBS ever. For more information, please contact the church office at 361-575-4305.

COMMUNITY BLOCK PARTY WEDNESDAY, JULY 31^{ST} 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM ~ Anyone who is interested in helping with the Community Block party, please contact Gina Eliot in the church office at 361-575-4305.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - Coming Soon!!! Open Gym once a month. Watch your Sunday bulletin for details.

July 15th - Congregational Ice Cream Social/Meet & Greet New CYF Directors 6:00 pm

July 21st - 24th - VBS 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm

July 26th - 27th - TX District Gathering in Kerrville

July 31st - Community Block Party 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm



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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.

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* July 7 th	Dale Hoffmann	Royce Krueger	Jason	Bruce	Kathleen	Jan Jacob	Linda	Steve Fiedler	July 7 th
* 8:00 am	Shirley Hoffmann	Terry Krueger	Loper	Jank	Reimann		Mueller	Mitchell Thurman	Sharon Kacir
**:	Bobby Jacob	Jean Huber						Manuel Mendez	July 14th
# 10:30 am	Tom Willis	Brett Ckodre	Tanner		Patty McGehee	Pam Raley	EJ Raley	Buck Dabney	Janine Rothmann
**	Sharon Kacir	Kathy Ozuna	Jacob		Lisa Price			Randy McGehee	July 21st
**	Marilyn Young	Patty McGehee						Michael Buchhorn	Pam Raley
**	Billy Blanchard	Lisa Price							July 28th
***		Janine Rothmann							Jason Eliot
* July 14th	Gerald Merks		Cole Neill	Jerri	Janet Merks	Terry Krueger	Jean Huber	Gerald Merks	ALTAR GUILD
* 8:00 am	Glenn Gisler			Brown				Carol Buchhorn	Gina Eliot
**	Jerri Brown							Linda Mueller	Linda Mueller
# 10:30 am	Randy Clark		Conleigh		Katy Morris	Kathleen	Norma	Bruce Jank	ALTAR FLOWERS
**	Patty McGehee		Whitley		Haley Morris	Morris	Lawrence	Ray Moreno	***
**:	Gary Mueller							Mel Bontrager	July 7th
***	Darryl Kern								Royce & Terry Krueger
July 21st	Mitchell Thurman	Glenn Gisler	Alex	Darla	Kathleen	Jan Jacob	Linda	Dale Hoffmann	July 14th
** 8:00 am	Mel Bontrager	Jean Gisler	Johnston	Jank	Reimann		Mueller	Royce Krueger	Buck & Diane Dabney
**:	Laura Johnston	Steve Fiedler						Milton Slaughter	July 21st
10:30 am	Hanta Andriamihaja	Michael Buchhorn	Arun		Michael Buchhorn	Pam Raley	EJ Raley	Randy Clark	***
k ak ak	Debbie Krueger	Dena Buchhorn	Pickens		Dena Buchhorn			Brett Ckodre	July 28th
**	Kurtis Krueger	Pat DeDear						Diane Dabney	Russell & Amy Hempel
***	Jason Eliot	Marilyn Young							PRAYERS
***		Carol Buchhorn							July 7th
🛊 July 28 th	Dan Briggs		Jason	Diana	Janet Merks	Terry Krueger	Jean Huber	_	Pat DeDear
** 8:00 am	Lynna Briggs		Loper	Dabney				Richard Ross	July 14th
**	Royce Krueger							Luke Hersey	Sharon Kacir
* 10:30 am	Diana Pimentel Moreno		Hunter		Eden Yaklin	Laura Wright	Norma	Stephen Fuhrman	July 21st
**	Raymundo Moreno		Jacob		Sharon Kacir		Lawrence	Mitchell Thurman	Fernando Moreno
**1	Raymundo Moreno, Jr							EJ Raley	July 28 th
***	Fernando Moreno								Pam Kaley

July Birthdays

7/16 – Jazmine Janak 7/22 – Ina Faupel 7/28 – Susie Breeden 7/13 – Darlene Meyer 7/6 – Maxine Volkert 7/2 – Pam Raley 7/21 – Michael Buchhorn 7/12 – Cameron Morris 7/5 – Mel Bontrager 7/1 – Lane Johnston 7/16 – Melva Toler 7/26 – Ryan Price

7/31 – Riley Venglar

7/3 – Susan Trueper 7/17 – Gerri Horne 7/22 – Darla Jank 7/28 – Chris Stuck 7/14 – Violet Janak 7/8 – Jerri Brown

7/15 – Caitlin Stehling 7/5 – Helen Boatman 7/10 – Gloria Seiler 7/23 – Maria Boehm 7/28 – Rhonda Tumlinson 7/18 – Haven Crawford

7/3 – Will Johnston 7/8 – Donna Eddleman 7/15 – Larry Volkmer

7/20 – Manuel Mendez 7/25 – Kurtis Krueger 7/31 – Allie McGehee

WOMEN OF THE WORD



W.O.W. will not meet in July or August. All ladies are encouraged to attend the next W.O.W. meeting on Monday, September 16th at 6:00 pm in the MPR.

BIBLES & BREWS MEN'S GROUP WILL TAKE A BREAK FOR THE MONTH OF JULY

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

Tuesday, July 2nd at 5:30 pm in the Conference Room.



HELPING HANDS OFFERING SUNDAY - JULY 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.

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, July 13th at 10:00 am. If you have any questions, please feel free to talk to Pastor La or Stephen Fuhrman.







If You Build It...? Growing up in Eastern lowa in the late 1980s, it was big news when a major motion picture began filming a baseball movie on a family farm. In the movie, *Field of Dreams*, a mysterious voice is heard from beyond: "If you build it, he will come." As the story unfolds, the lead character plows under his crops mid-growing season to build a baseball field. Then from out of the cornfields beyond centerfield appeared a historic team from baseball lore.

The cultural impact of *Field of Dreams* was significant. Visionary leaders seized upon the infamous movie line and adapted it for their own organizations: "If you build it, they will come." Even pastors and churches adopted the mantra as ministries scaled bigger and better programs and church facilities, trusting in the idea that new and bigger would attract more people. To some extent, this approach seemed to work! As churches engaged in expanding and improving their ministries and facilities, more people were attracted to it and began engaging with churches in news ways.

Despite these successes, there were also unintended consequences. Fast forward two decades and churches discovered that what once worked was no longer working. Successful ministries needed to be constantly refreshed and renewed with the latest and greatest programs or building renovations to keep people coming. A consumer mentality crept into the church as church attendees began "church shopping" and congregations felt the urge to "compete" with one another.

Church growth began to feel like chasing after a pot of gold at the end of a rainbow. How many churches "built it" but the people did not come? While God certainly used the church growth movement, we now recognize the ways it detracted from an authentic faith journey of following Jesus.

What if the church adopted a new mantra based upon an old idea: "If you love them..." How would you complete that sentence? What do you think the result of sharing Jesus' love might be? For me it would be this: "they will know they are loved by God." I believe that God is calling us to shift our focus from building better programs and facilities just to entice people to come to the church to hear the Good News towards equipping and mobilizing the people of the church to love people and engage in Gospel mission in their everyday lives. #LoveWorks2024

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...

- ...Glenn Schrade & family on the loss of his brother
- ...Bruce Jackson & family on the loss of his mother



Special Concerns:

All those we hold dear in our hearts and are facing battles for good health, mind & spirit.

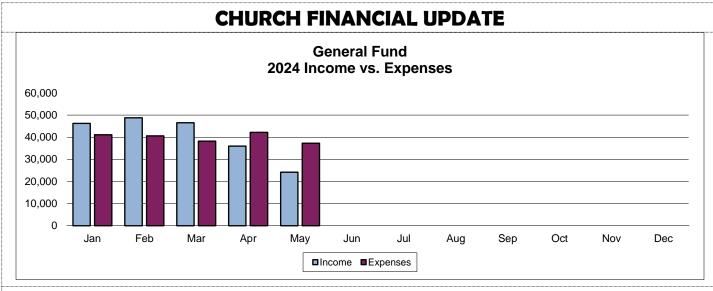


Thanks be to God these folks have returned home from the hospital:

EJ Raley

Glenn Gisler

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

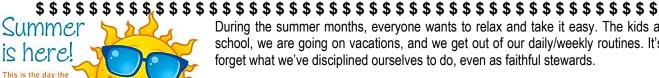


CHURCH ATTENDANCE

June Attend	ance
Our average weekly att	endance 165.
June 2 nd	168
June 9 th	183
June 16 th	150
June 23 rd	158

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





During the summer months, everyone wants to relax and take it easy. The kids are out of school, we are going on vacations, and we get out of our daily/weekly routines. It's easy to forget what we've disciplined ourselves to do, even as faithful stewards.

Below are a few things that can help you stay plugged in this summer, while traveling.

LISTEN TO SUNDAY SERMONS ONLINE.

READ YOUR NEWSLETTERS.

CONTINUE TO TITHE BY MAIL OR BY USING ONE OF OUR SIMPLE ELECTRONIC OPTIOIONS BELOW:

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.

ONLINE GIVING - Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions or one-time contributions and view vour 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.
- 3) Click on the [Give Online] line,

- 2) Click on the [Give] tab.
- 4) Click on {Give Online} again at right
- 5) Click on the [Create Profile] button, then
- 6) Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring or one-time 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.



LORD has made; and be glad in it.

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

Thank you so much for your generous donation to VCAM. Your gift allows us to help community members in need.

On behalf of the staff of Lutheran World Relief 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 us respond to disasters efficiently.

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 makes 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. Sister Rebecca Janacek

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