

AUGUST 2024

OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
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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)



Family and Friends of Our Saviour's,

I am trusting in God that your summer months have been safe and agreeable to you despite hurricane Beryl's threats and the high temperatures we're having – though a bit cooler than last summer. And of course, there's the ups and downs, and the twists and turns of our national and geo-political landscapes that are enough to cross a Rabbi's eyes. Be that as it may, it is my prayer that you'd continue to fare well for the remainder of this summer and be assured as the Apostle Paul was when he wrote to the believers in Rome, saying,

"For I am convinced that... nothing else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (NIV – Romans 8:37, 39)

Now, this month (August) we'll celebrate the various ministries that the Holy Spirit will use and guide us to engage in this fall. I'm talking about Rally Sunday (August 11th). As in the past, this day will be a very special day as 6 young men and women will claim and affirm their baptisms through the rite of Confirmation. They are: *Hunter Jacob, Katherine Johnston, Elizabeth Johnston, Alex Johnston, Hannah Morris, and Arun Pickens*. Please pray for them as they take this huge step into Christian maturity. I encourage and invite you to come, to bless, and to celebrate with them, at the 10:30 a.m. service Rally Sunday. As always, it has been my joy, my pride, and my pleasure to have taught these young Christians the meaning and the significance of their Christian faith, through the lens of our Lutheran heritage. Furthermore, I'd like to thank Marilyn Young for sewing each of their Confirmation Stoles.

Lastly, some of you know that Hanta and I have been planning to celebrate our 35th wedding anniversary in our homeland of Madagascar this year. God-willing, we'll get to do so during the latter portion of this month. While we're there to visit our families and friends that we've not seen for many years, we'll also take the opportunity to spend some time to visit Hope Lutheran School – one of the schools that OSLC sponsors and partners with in Africa. As I'm there, I'll be meeting with Church leaders of the Malagasy Lutheran Church to plan for our LCMC delegates' visit there in 2025.

While we're gone, we entrust and commend you into the love of our God, as well as into the capable hands of our staff and congregational leaders. Know that although we may be away from Victoria, our hearts and minds will be with you, in the mystical power of the Holy Spirit.

May you know, feel, and experience God's richest blessings and his unfathomable grace, now and forever more. Amen.

In Christ' love,
Pastor La Andriamihaja

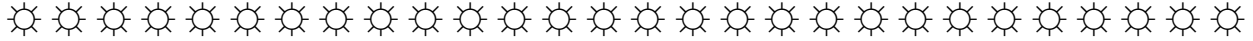


New Membership Class/Orientation - For those who are interested in being a member or for those who are curious as to what being a member at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church is all about, you are invited to join Pastor La Thursday, August 1st at 6:30 pm in the Conference Room. The class is FREE, but registration (sign-up) is expected, please contact the Church Office at 361-575-4305 or email geliot@oslcvictoria.com to sign-up.

OUR SAVIOUR'S MESSAGE

**Back To School Blessing of Backpacks, Briefcases and Badges
Sunday, August 4th at both services**

we would like to invite students and educators to bring in their school bags and everyone else to bring in their backpack, briefcase, work badge or anything that represents their work for a special blessing.



RALLY DAY ~ SUNDAY, AUGUST 11TH



We will celebrate Rally Day with worship at 8:00 am & 10:30 am. Our confirmands will affirm their faith at the 10:30 am worship service. Following the service, join us for a potluck lunch. The Fellowship Ministry will provide the main entrée and beverages. If your last name begins with A-M please bring a side dish. If your last name begins with N-Z please bring a dessert. We will also have lots of fun activities planned.

There are also many new and exciting things starting this fall at OSL. There will be tables set-up in the Narthex displaying Sunday school classes, Bible studies, Small groups, and many, many more ministries. If you would like to set-up a table for your ministry please contact Hanta at hantamangaso@aim.com or text her at 612-840-5820.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT OASIS MEALS BEGIN AUGUST 14TH



Oasis is a time for great food, fellowship, bible studies and fun activities 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 Our Saviour's through this ministry, please sign-up at the Welcome Desk. For more information, contact the church office.

BIBLE STUDY LED BY PASTOR LA WILL RESUME ON THURSDAY, SEPT. 12TH

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



WOMEN OF THE WORD



W.O.W. will not meet in August. All ladies are encouraged to attend the next WOW 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 AUGUST

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

Tuesday, August 6th at 5:30 pm in the Conference Room.



HELPING HANDS OFFERING SUNDAY – AUGUST 4TH

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 361-575-4305.



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 361-576-1465 or Jean Gisler at 361-676-0484 or jeangislerlp@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, August 10th at 10:00 am. If you have any questions, please feel free to talk to Pastor La or Stephen Fuhrman.



Dear CYFM family and friends! Things have been rolling here in the office for children and youth; we've had summer camp, a mission trip, random acts of kindness and a swamp-tastic VBS! I'm proud to say that we were able to touch so many lives by spreading the Word and love of Jesus Christ to all those we encountered. But with that said, there is still so much work to do in the coming months as we kick off our new school year. Below you will find the dates and descriptions about events/activities that the CYF offices will be a part of.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS, BRIEFCASES AND BADGES: Sunday, August 4th during both services we would like to invite students and educators to bring in their school bags and everyone else to bring in their backpack, briefcase, work badge or anything that represents their work for a special blessing.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY: Our youth have been studying and learning so much about what their faith means to them and on Sunday, August 11th they will stand before the congregation and take ownership of it. We ask that as many members as possible attend as we celebrate and support them during this special milestone in their lives.

RALLY DAY: Rally Day is not just for the kids like many adults think! It's a time for members of our church family to prayerfully consider how they can help with the many different ministries that OSLC has to offer, including children, youth and family. Join us on August 11th after the 10:30 am service for food, fun and fellowship and stop by the CYFM table to see what's new and how you can get involved.

CHILDREN & YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sundays are also for growing closer to God and learning about all the wonderful things He has done for us. We're going back to basics as we journey through the Bible and study Jesus' miracles, teachings and life. Bring your kiddos back to Sunday School starting Sunday, August 18th at 9:15 am in the Youth Wing.

BIBLE HIGHLIGHTING: We will conduct two Bible Highlighting sessions for parents of children in the 2nd & 7th grades, one on Sunday, August 25th at 9:15 am in the Narthex and the other on Wednesday, August 28th at 5:45 pm in the MPR. You only need to attend one session. Bibles are provided by Our Saviour's. We encourage you to attend one of these important meetings to prepare the Bible you will present to your child on Sunday, September 8th at the service you normally attend. For more information, please contact the church office 575-4305.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS STARTING AUGUST 14TH: Wednesdays are for GROWing!

Howdy junior high and high school students! The thermometer doesn't show it, but summer is winding down, and back-to-school bells will be ringing soon... Some of you may be ready, and some may be dreading going into the next grade, but I hope you are all as excited as I am to relaunch Wednesday night services in our new GROW Ministries!

Our Saviour's, here is what you can expect from junior high and high school services each month as we get started:

Our main services will begin with a time of worship for all ages, then junior high and up will have a sermon, followed by a time to ask questions, give life updates, and share testimonies of how they've seen God moving! This will be the majority of our services, and we will be laying a foundation of knowing our identity, our enemy, and our purpose.

We will have one service a month where each of our other ministries at OSL (on a rotating basis) will be able to either come into our service to teach the youth what all their ministry involves, or perhaps even have us assist them with a project they are working on! These will be great nights for the students to learn more about their strengths and weaknesses and where God might be calling them to serve as they GROW.

Lastly, we will also have one service a month dedicated solely to worship. These will be opportunities to fully immerse in God's presence through music and prayer. What a powerful experience it is when a timely word or prayer falls on an open and receptive heart! I have found worship nights to be some of the most impactful moments of my life and am excited to bring them to OSL!

As always, Stephanie and I appreciate your support and look forward to helping you raise the next generation up in the strength and love of Christ!

Godspeed,
Jake Henson and Stephanie Stevens



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 |
|------------------------------------|---|--|---------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|---|---|
| August 4 th 8:00 am | Dale Hoffmann Shirley Hoffmann Bobby Jacob | Royce Krueger Terry Krueger Jean Huber | Cole Neill | Kim Neill | Kathleen Reimann | Jan Jacob | Linda Mueller | Steve Fiedler Mitchell Thurman Manuel Mendez | August 4 th Jason Eliot August 11 th Stephen Fuhrman August 18 th Glenn Gisler August 25 th Katy Morris |
| 10:30 am | Tom Willis Michael Buchhorn Dena Buchhorn Billy Blanchard | Brett Ckudre Kathy Ozuna Lisa Price Patty McGehee Janine Rothmann | Arun Pickens | | Patty McGehee Lisa Price | Pam Raley | | Bruce Jank Randy McGehee Mel Bontrager | ALTAAR GUILD Kim Neill Linda Mueller |
| August 11 th 8:00 am | Gerald Merks Glenn Gisler Jerrri Brown | | Jason Loper | Glenn Gisler | Janet Merks | Terry Krueger | Jean Huber | Gerald Merks Carol Buchhorn Linda Mueller | |
| 10:30 am | Randy Clark Gary Mueller Darryl Kern Patty McGehee | | Hannah Morris | | Katy Morris Haley Morris | Kathleen Morris | Norma Lawrence | Buck Dabney Raymundo Moreno Michael Buchhorn | ALTAAR FLOWERS August 4 th EJ & Pam Raley August 11 th Pastor La & Hanta August 18 th Bill & Pat Blanchard August 25 th Don & Gloria Seiler |
| August 18 th 8:00 am | Mitchell Thurman Mel Bontrager Laura Johnson | Gina Eliot Konor Eliot Steve Fiedler | Alex Johnston | Steve Fiedler | Kathleen Reimann | Jan Jacob | Linda Mueller | Dale Hoffmann Royce Krueger Milton Slaughtner | PRAYERS Marilyn Young |
| 10:30 am | Hanta Andriamihaja Kurtis Krueger Debbie Krueger Jason Eliot | Michael Buchhorn Dena Buchhorn Marilyn Young Carol Buchhorn Pat DeDear | Arun Pickens | | Michael Buchhorn Dena Buchhorn | Pam Raley | | Randy Clark Brett Ckudre Diane Dabney | August 4 th Marilyn Young August 11 th Pat DeDear August 18 th Konor Eliot August 25 th Sharon Kacir |
| August 25 th 8:00 am | Dan Briggs Lynna Briggs Royce Krueger | | Cole Neill | Jan Jacob | Janet Merks | Terry Krueger | Jean Huber | Ronnie Wolfer Richard Ross Luke Hersey | |
| 10:30 am | Raymundo Moreno Diana Pimentel Moreno Marilyn Young Sharon Kacir | | Hannah Morris | | Eden Yaklin | Laura Wright | Norma Lawrence | Stephen Fuhrman Randy McGehee Mel Bontrager | |

August Birthdays

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| 8/1 - Brandi Gayle | 8/5 - Kaci Haschke | 8/6 - Sallie Smith | 8/8 - Marie Stenseth | 8/9 - Paula Fiedler |
| 8/9 - Diana Pimentel | 8/10 - Jeanne Janis | 8/14 - Jennifer Janak | 8/15 - Madison Samford | 8/16 - Sandy Morgan |
| 8/16 - Luke McGehee | 8/17 - Wanda Hahn | 8/17 - Alyvia Rangrow | 8/18 - Norma Lawrence | 8/18 - Sylvia Karnowski |
| 8/19 - Felton Dohmann | 8/23 - Maxine Dohmann | 8/23 - Claire Obsta | 8/23 - Cassie Pustejovsky | 8/24 - Pat Kresta |
| 8/26 - Betty Wendt | 8/26 - Kole Eliot | 8/27 - William Loper | 8/27 - McKenzie Gayle | 8/30 - Peyton Williams |
| 8/31 - Dana Pustejovsky | | | | |



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



Recognize and Respond – Back in 2019, leaders here in the Texas District took a leap of faith in creating Harvest Workers, our online ministry training program. The biblical inspiration came from Matthew 9 where we read about Jesus’ daily ministry: he was teaching and preaching, healing, casting out demons, forgiving sins, and calling disciples. Day after day we read about this ongoing ministry among the

ordinary people he encountered wherever he went. One of these days as he went about his work, he paused and surveyed the crowd. As he looked out upon the world that he was dwelling in, I believe he saw all of the problems: the hurt, pain, brokenness, issues, division, anger, addictions, and everything else. Jesus saw all of it!

And upon surveying the world and seeing the problems, Jesus wasn’t depressed, angry, or hopeless. Nor did Jesus shame or blame people. Instead, Jesus was moved with compassion and speaks these words: “The harvest is abundant, but the workers are few. Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest.”

I don’t know about you, but when I pause to look around at the world, it is easy to see just how messed up so many things are. And the truth is that life is hard and full of complex problems. In the face of the magnitude of these problems, it would be easy to think that all we can do is pray. And certainly we should! But I believe God is calling us to also recognize and respond: to be sent out as Harvest Workers. The very next thing Jesus does after he said to pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers: He sends them out! The same people he just told to pray, his disciples, he sent out!

Are you a disciple of Jesus? Do you follow Jesus? Is Jesus your Lord and Savior? If so... then Jesus is calling you and me and every other follower of Jesus to not only pray for Harvest Workers... but also to BE Harvest Workers. So it is time to lace up your work boots, y’all! We have work to do... work that will never save us, but that we were saved for as Paul writes in Ephesians 2:8-10.

Day by day as we live our lives in this messy world may we be like Jesus and be moved with compassion and live out the Gospel and share Jesus’ love. #LoveWorks2024



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 so much for your very generous donation to VCAM. Your gift allows us to help community members who are in need. We truly appreciate your support of our ministry. Sincerely, Rose Mary Voigt

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

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 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

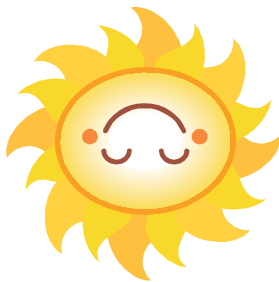
Thank you for supporting our mission to introduce kids to Jesus Christ and helping them grow in their faith. Praying for young people. Going where kids are and building personal relationships with them. Young Life Victoria

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, your continued support of Bethlehem Maternity Home is both a great blessing and humbling. May God richly bless your obedience and generosity. Linda Ellington Palmer

A HUGE THANK YOU to all the many VBS volunteers. It could not have been done without your help. You helped make our VBS Swamp-tastic!!

THANK YOU –To everyone who contributed to making the Community Block Party a success! We touched the lives of so many families and look forward to doing it again next year.

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