

Beginning September 3rd Regular Church Office Hours Resume

Monday thru Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Office closed for lunch from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm and continues to be closed on Fridays



OSLC VARIETY SHOW & DINNER SEPTEMBER 14TH IN MPR

Refreshments 5:30 pm ★ Dinner 6:00 pm ★ Show 7:00 pm

\$15 per person for refreshments, dinner and show

Dinner will be sirloin roast, potatoes, green beans, salad, roll & dessert

Please sign-up in the Narthex if you plan to attend.

Do you have talent?

If you would like to perform at the Variety Show, please contact Michael Buchhorn at 361-676-0053.

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, September 12th 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.



As we head into September, school is back in full swing, our Wednesday night GROW services are up and running, and we are excited to see how God continues to move through CYF! Below are the upcoming events to keep an eye out for!

BIBLE HIGHLIGHTING: Bible Highlighting sessions for parents of students in the 2nd & 7th grades have concluded. Bible presentation will be Sunday, September 8th at the service you normally attend. There is still time to get a bible prepared if you missed the sessions. Contact Stephanie at 361-648-0036.

SANDLOT AND S'MORES: Grab the whole family and join us for a fun movie night in the MPR Saturday, September 7th from 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm, complete with a meal, popcorn, and of course, s'mores!

SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER: **PRE-SALE **DRIVE-THRU ONLY**** Hosted by OSL Children Youth & Family Ministry on Saturday, September 21st from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm. Tickets are \$10 each for spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans and garlic bread. For more information or to purchase tickets call Stephanie at 361-652-0095. There will also be a Bake Sale so you can pick up a dessert or two.

YOUTH-LED SUNDAY & SUNDAY FUNDAY: Join us on September 29th for Sunday services as the youth take over for the day! As they serve, the kids will have the opportunity to grow in their faith and leadership. Also, make plans to stick around after the second service for a meal and fun & games!

YOUTH SUMMER CAMP: Camp registration will open this month. We don't have exact dates yet, but please be thinking about registering. Camp Eagle is a great opportunity to spend a week submersed in the word of God in the beautiful Texas Hill Country. It's a fun way to grow your faith and grow your relationships with your fellow students. Contact Mr. Jake for more information.

Big things are happening with CYF, and we appreciate the congregation's support, through volunteering, prayers, donations, and overall engagement as we train up the children in the way they should go. (Proverbs 22:6) Congratulations to Will Weischwill who graduated from high school in May and was inadvertently left out of the June Newsletter.

Jake Henson and Stephanie Stevens



tone chime rehearsals: Sundays in October following the second service in the Bells/Brides Room. Rehearsals last about 30 minutes. Any youth, grades 4-12, who would like to participate are invited to attend. For more info contact Kathy Kern, 361-648-9105.

COTTAGE MEETINGS

The Church Council has approved the recommendation of the Financial Committee to hold Cottage Meetings (small informal discussion groups). The 2024 cottage meetings will be held at Our Saviour's in the Conference Room on the following dates and times:



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| Wednesday, September 18 | 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm |
| Thursday, September 19 | 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm |
| Sunday, September 22 | 9:15 am – 10:15 am |
| Monday, September 23 | 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm |
| Tuesday, September 24 | 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm |
| Wednesday, September 25 | 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm |
| Thursday, September 26 | 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm |

Everyone will be notified by a member of the Church Council or a Ministry Leader inviting you to a specific meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting you have been assigned, please choose another date to attend and let the person that called you know that you need to switch. Your participation would be greatly appreciated.



BIBLE STUDY LED BY PASTOR LA WILL RESUME ON WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 11TH

Every Wednesday 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm in the Christian Ed Great Room.
Come for Oasis meal at 5:45 pm and stay for Bible study. All are Welcome!



WOMEN OF THE WORD



W.O.W. – Will meet on Monday, September 16th at 6:00 pm in the MPR for a meal, fellowship, meeting and devotional time. All ladies of Our Saviour's are invited to attend.

BIBLES & BREWS MEN'S GROUP TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH 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 MEETINGS ON THE 1ST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

Tuesday, September 3RD at 5:30 pm in the Conference Room.



HELPING HANDS OFFERING SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 1ST

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, September 14th 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.

SEPTEMBER 2024



| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | |
|--|---|--|---|---|--|---|---|
| 1 8:00 - Traditional Worship Service 10:30 am - Contemporary Worship Service HOLY COMMUNION HELPING HANDS 9:15 am - Adult, Children & Youth Sunday School | 2 Labor Day  | 3 9:00 am - Staff Meeting 9:30 am - Tabitha Quilting Ministry 5:30 pm - Ministry Leaders Meeting | 4 5:30 pm - Prayer Group in Chapel 5:45 pm - Oasis Meal 6:30 pm - GROW | 5 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Homeschool Group | 6 OFFICE CLOSED 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Hospice Crochet Group | 7 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm Sandlot & S'mores | |
| 8 8:00 - Traditional Worship Service 10:30 am - Contemporary Worship Service Bible Presentation at both services 9:15 am - Adult, Children & Youth Sunday School | 9 9:00 am - Staff Meeting 1:30 pm - Pantry Prep 5:00 pm - Executive Council Meeting | 10 9:30 am - Tabitha Quilting Ministry 4:00 pm - Pantry 6:30 pm - Worship Committee Meeting Chapel Rented | 11 5:00 pm - Confirmation Class 5:30 pm - Prayer Group in Chapel 5:45 pm - Oasis Meal 6:30 pm - GROW 6:30 pm - Pastor La's Bible Study | 12 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Homeschool Group 6:30 pm - New Member Class/Orientation | 13 OFFICE CLOSED 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Hospice Crochet Group | 14 10:00 am - Life After Loss Support Group 6:00 pm - OSLC Variety Show & Dinner in MPR | |
| 15 8:00 - Traditional Worship Service 10:30 am - Contemporary Worship Service HOLY COMMUNION 9:15 am - Adult, Children & Youth Sunday School | 16 8:00 am - Pastor's Advisory Team Meeting 9:00 am - Staff Meeting 6:00 pm - Women of the Word in MPR | 17 9:30 am - Tabitha Quilting Ministry 6:30 pm - Council Meeting | 18 9:00 am - CST Guidance Team Meeting 5:00 pm - Confirmation Class 5:30 pm - Prayer Group in Chapel 5:45 pm - Oasis Meal 6:30 pm - GROW 6:30 pm - Pastor La's Bible Study 6:30 pm - Cottage Meeting | 19 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Homeschool Group 6:30 pm - Cottage Meeting | 20 OFFICE CLOSED 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Hospice Crochet Group | 21 11:00 am - 1:00 pm CYF Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser | |
| 22 8:00 - Traditional Worship Service 10:30 am - Contemporary Worship Service 9:15 am - Adult, Children & Youth Sunday School 9:15 am - Cottage Meeting | 23 9:00 am - Staff Meeting 1:30 pm - Pantry Prep 6:30 pm - Cottage Meeting | 24 9:30 am - Tabitha Quilting Ministry 4:00 pm - Pantry 6:30 pm - Bibles & Brew 6:30 pm - Cottage Meeting | 25 5:00 pm - Confirmation Class 5:30 pm - Prayer Group in Chapel 5:45 pm - Oasis Meal 6:30 pm - GROW 6:30 pm - Pastor La's Bible Study 6:30 pm - Cottage Meeting | 26 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Homeschool Group 6:30 pm - Cottage Meeting | 27 OFFICE CLOSED 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Hospice Crochet Group | 28 MPR Unavailable | |
| 29 8:00 - Traditional Worship Service 10:30 am - Contemporary Worship Service 9:15 am - Adult, Children & Youth Sunday School 11:30 am - Sunday Funday | 30 9:00 am - Staff Meeting |  CHURCH EVENTS, DATES AND DETAILS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE | | | | |  |



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

We will provide training to those who have not already received this information. If you are not able to serve, 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 |
|--|---|--|------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|----------------|--|---|
| Sept. 1st 8:00 am | Dale Hoffmann Shirley Hoffmann Bobby Jacob | Royce Krueger Terry Krueger Steve Fiedler | Cole Neill | Kim Neill | Kathleen Reimann | Jan Jacob | Linda Mueller | Steve Fiedler Mitchell Thurman Manuel Mendez | September 1st Diana Pimentel Moreno September 8th Darryl Kern |
| 10:30 am | Randy Clark Jason Eliot Michael Buchhorn Dena Buchhorn | Brett Ckudre Kathy Ozuna Lisa Price Patty McGehee Janine Rothmann | Tanner Jacob | | Lisa Price Patty McGehee | Pam Raley | | Stephen Fuhrman Randy McGehee Mel Bontrager | September 15th Becky Linville September 22nd Kim Neill September 29th Hanta Andriamihaja |
| Sept. 8th 8:00 am | Gerald Merks Dan Briggs Jerrri Brown | | Jason Loper | Joyce Hahn | Janet Merks | Terry Krueger | Jean Huber | Gerald Merks Carol Buchhorn Linda Mueller | ALTA R GUILD Shirley Hoffmann Linda Mueller |
| 10:30 am | Tom Willis Debbie Krueger Kurtis Krueger Darryl Kern | | Conleigh Whitley | | Katy Morris Haley Morris | Kathleen Morris | Norma Lawrence | Buck Dabney Raymundo Moreno Diane Dabney | FLOWERS September 1st Bobby & Jan Jacob September 8th Ingrid Kabela September 15th Patty McGehee September 22nd Linda Sonntag September 29th Irene Hahn |
| Sept. 15th 8:00 am | Mitchell Thurman Mel Bontrager Laura Johnston | Glenn Gisler Jean Gisler Jean Huber | Alex Johnston | Diane Dabney | Kathleen Reimann | Jan Jacob | Linda Mueller | Dale Hoffmann Royce Krueger Milton Slaughter | PRAYERS September 1st Cole Neill September 8th Pam Raley September 15th Marilyn Young September 22nd Pat DeDear September 29th Pat DeDear Youth led service |
| 10:30 am | Diana Pimentel Moreno Raymundo Moreno Sharon Kacir Marilyn Young | Michael Buchhorn Dena Buchhorn Pat DeDear Marilyn Young Carol Buchhorn | Arun Pickens | | Michael Buchhorn Dena Buchhorn | Pam Raley | | Bruce Jank Brett Ckudre Manuel Mendez | |
| Sept. 22nd 8:00 am | Royce Krueger Terry Krueger Steve Fiedler | | Jason Loper | Jerri Brown | Dale Hoffmann | Shirley Hoffmann | Jean Huber | Ronnie Wolter Richard Ross Luke Hersey | |
| 10:30 am | Hanta Andriamihaja Michael Buchhorn Dena Buchhorn Patty McGehee | Hunter Jacob | | | Sharon Kacir Eden Yaklin | Laura Wright | Norma Lawrence | Stephen Fuhrman Randy McGehee Michael Buchhorn | |
| Sept. 29th 8:00 am | | | | | | | | Gerald Merks Royce Krueger John Hersey | |
| 10:30 am | | | | | | | | Randy Clark Raymundo Moreno Mel Bontrager | |

September Birthdays

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| <i>9/3 – Bobby Jacob</i> | <i>9/5 – Mitchell Thurman</i> | <i>9/7 – Billy Blanchard</i> | <i>9/8 – Sharon Todd</i> | <i>9/10 – Janice Hill</i> |
| <i>9/10 – Bruce Jank</i> | <i>9/10 – Eden Yaklin</i> | <i>9/11 – Larry Janis</i> | <i>9/11 – Russel Hempel</i> | <i>9/12 – John Hersey</i> |
| <i>9/13 – Jan Phillips</i> | <i>9/14 – Doreen Atkinson</i> | <i>9/14 – Michelle Sanford</i> | <i>9/15 – Robert Pfeil</i> | <i>9/16 – Sharon Kacir</i> |
| <i>9/16 – Christine Carter</i> | <i>9/19 – Jan Jacob</i> | <i>9/20 – Robert Meitzen</i> | <i>9/21 – Kathleen Morris</i> | <i>9/22 – Janell Bleivins</i> |
| <i>9/22 – Linda Mueller</i> | <i>9/23 – Nicole Carter</i> | <i>9/23 – Tanner Jacob</i> | <i>9/26 – Kathleen Reimann</i> | <i>9/26 – Robert Schroeter</i> |

Global Missions News: Burgers and Bingo with a twist was a great success. \$2,138 was generated from the fundraiser and equally split between Liberty School and Hope Lutheran School. Thanks to all that contributed gift cards, money for gift cards, items for the silent auction, food for the meal, or helped in any way.

The other project that we have going on is to collect items for Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits, School Kits and Baby Care Kits. Global Missions team is collecting for the personal care kits, CYF (Children Youth & Family) are collecting for the school kits and WOW (Women of the Word) are collecting for the baby care kits. These kits will be assembled between services on Sunday, October 13th. If you would like to contribute, please contact a member of the sponsoring group.

Genie Fuhrman Legacy Music Scholarship Awarded

Kylind Jimenez, a graduate of Edna High School has been awarded the Genie Fuhrman Legacy Music Scholarship (GFLMS) of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. He received \$1000.00 for this 2024 year and will be attending Indiana Bible College majoring in Worship and Music. While attending Edna high school he was an outstanding musician and vocalist competing in UIL and TMEA vocal contests. He also served as drum major in HS band. He won a spot in the TMEA All-State choir during the last two years. Unfortunately, Edna HS had no choir or vocal music education at all during his HS years. Dr. David Means met him as a sophomore and was instrumental in coaching him on his TMEA audition music and helped him with his development vocally and musically. Due to Kylind's willingness to learn and asking for help, he auditioned and was accepted to sing with the Victoria Civic Chorus even though he was still in High School. Dr. Means said in his letter of recommendation of Kylind; "He has been amazing, always prepared and willing to switch parts when needed. He is an outstanding young musician and singer." GFLMS is pleased to grant this award to this fine young musician. Thank you to all who have contributed to this outreach ministry.



MARCH 1, 2025 WILL BE THE DEADLINE FOR OUR NEXT GFLMS!! Talk to your children or grandchildren **NOW!** For all the information go to www.oslcvicтория.com.

Several events are in the works for this year and next. Please make plans to join us the following fundraising/musical events: Reformation fund raiser in October and Patriotic Sing Along.

Hospice of South Texas Service of Remembrance

In memory of those Hospice served and their families, January 2024 – June 2024
Doris Dold will be included in the presentation at this service on
Sunday, September 22, 2024 at 2:30 pm
Parkway Church (4802 John Stockbauer)

Register online at <https://hospice-vic.org/event/sor24f> or call 361-572-4300



Mission Moment
by Pastor Bryce Formwalt
Director of Mission Growth



Too Busy NOT to Pray: I don't know about you, but I am tired. I'm not the kind of tired that can be managed by an extra hour or two of sleep. Rather I am talking about the rhythms of a full and busy life where there are simply not enough hours in the day, days in the week, or weeks in the month to get everything done. The day-to-day activities of life, even life in ministry, can result in a weariness that can steal our joy of living the life that we are so busy living that we really aren't actually living! Have you ever felt this way?

As I think about my weariness and the endless "To Do" lists, I recall a conversation I had with my mom 20 years ago. She had called me just to chat and I didn't really have the time. I told her I was busy, and she asked what I had going on that day. I rattled off all the things I had to get done and she replied: "Oh, my! You are busy. It sounds like you probably need to pray." I was frustrated with her: "Mom, I don't have time to pray!" As soon as I said it, I realized how foolish I was. My mother answered, "Bryce, listen to yourself. You're a pastor! You are too busy NOT to pray!"

As was often the case, my mom was right. No matter how busy I am or how much is on my calendar, my "To Do" list pales in comparison to Jesus': there were always more sick people to heal, more demons to cast out, more sins to forgive, more disciples to teach, and more towns to visit. Remarkably, Jesus never seemed to be in a hurry and yet made an impact everywhere he went.

In Luke 5:14-15, we read this about Jesus: *But the news about him spread even more, and large crowds would come together to hear him and to be healed of their sicknesses. Yet he often withdrew to deserted places and prayed.* No matter what demands of ministry Jesus faced, he regularly retreated for quiet time with his Father in heaven. Do I really think I don't need this in my life?

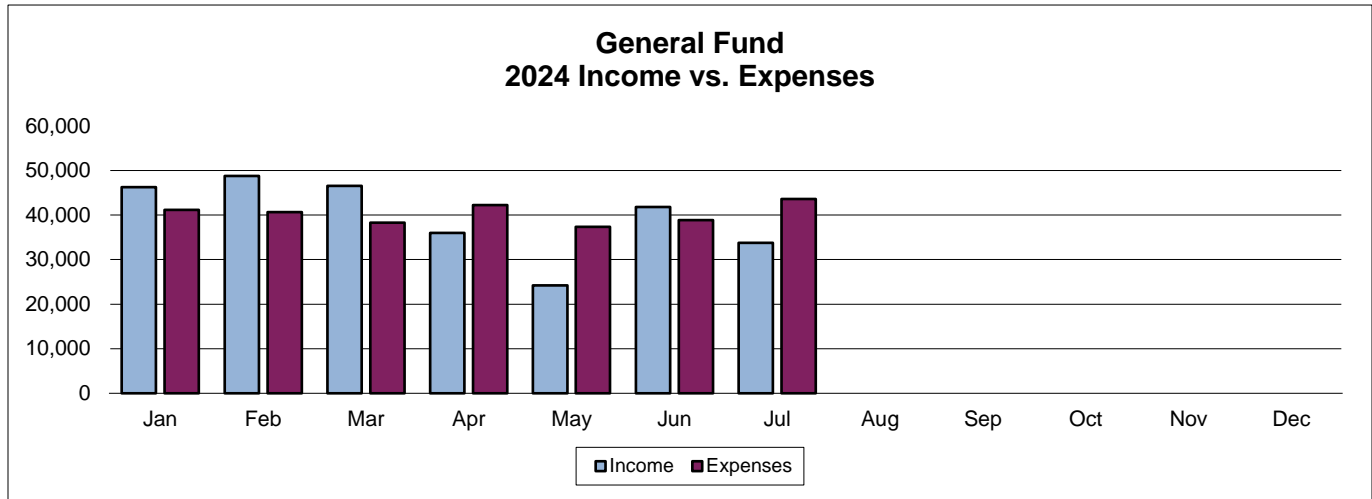
Once again, I must come to terms with the ways that I fall short of what I think I should be as a follower of Jesus, as a husband and a father, and as a pastor. In the busyness of my life, I need to remember that I am too busy not to pray. I long to live an unhurried and yet impactful life like Jesus did. And that means I need to regularly withdraw for prayer and fellowship with God. Whenever I do, God restores my soul and fills me up to continue to carryout the work he created me for. I invite you to join me in this and expect that we will be amazed at all the Lord accomplishes in us and through us.



2025 BUDGET TIME

It is budget time. The 2025 budget is currently being developed. If your ministry or committee has any changes or additions for 2025, please get with Sally in the church office. Deadline is September 20th.

CHURCH FINANCIAL UPDATE



CHURCH ATTENDANCE



August Attendance
Our average weekly attendance for August 179.

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| August 4 th | 179 |
| August 11 th | 225 |
| August 18 th | 134 |

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



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 partnership with Global Health Ministries. Your support has made it possible to ship life-changing equipment and supplies around the globe.

Thank you so much for your very generous donation to VCAM. We truly appreciate your support of our ministry. Rose Mary Voigt

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

I would like to thank all the people who brought food for the reception for Bob's funeral and everyone who helped in the kitchen and set up tables. It was so very much appreciated. Also thank you to Pastor La for the wonderful celebration of life service for Bob. I am so blessed to have such a wonderful church family. Janell Blevins & family

AROUND THE CHURCH FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND PRAYERS

If you have any information for AROUND THE CHURCH please call the church office.



With our prayers for a speedy recovery, these folks were listed in the hospital:
EJ Raley



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



Special Concerns: All those we hold dear in our hearts that are facing a battle for good health, mind & spirit.



Congratulations To Our Confirmands:

Hunter Jacob Alex Johnston Elizabeth Johnston
Katherine Johnston Hannah Morris Arun Pickens

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

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