

FEBRUARY 2025

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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)

"All you need is love... Love is all you need" – (The Beatles, 1967)



A year after I was born, the world-renown British band, The Beatles, released a song that may not be a direct quote from the Bible, but it's simple, catchy, and it reminds us what's at the heart of our Christian faith – LOVE. In his first letter to the Christian believers in Corinth, the Apostle Paul wrote and reminded them of this Christian virtue – LOVE. In 1 Corinthians 13, a portion of Scripture that's known as "the Love" chapter, and is therefore, often read at wedding ceremonies, Paul reminds us that without love, and the ability to love, we are nothing, and "we got nothing."

"If I speak in the tongue of men or of angels... If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, ...if I have a faith that can move mountains... [and] If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing." (1 Corinthians 13:1-3)

As we all know, this month of February is the month of love, for love, and to love. We are reminded of this because within a day or two after Christmas many stores and shopping malls transform their Christmas decorations of red and green garlands into pink and red seas of heart-shaped cards and chocolate delights. So, were *The Beatles* right in singing and reminding us that "All you [we] need is love"?

Well, I'd like to believe that they were right, because of what the Apostle Paul taught, saying,

"[Love] It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres... And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love." (1Corinthians 13:7, 13)

I, for one, am extremely grateful for the unfathomable love of God that has protected, trusted, and offered hope for each of you, for this congregation, and to all believers that have come and gone through the doors of Our Saviour's within the last 60 months. Yes, this month marks my 5th year as your Pastor, and I can honestly say that I love – not just "like" – this congregation and the people of God, therein. Although it's been quite "a ride", filled with highs and lows, turns and curves, and even loop-d-loops – I love it! Sure, like many Lutheran congregations throughout our nation, we've lost and missed fellow members, believers, and friends over these many years due to all sorts of reasons, including deaths, relocations, and lack of interest. But I continue to give thanks to our God for those who remain faithful, dedicated, and in love with what the Holy Spirit continues to do at Our Saviour's. So, I encourage and urge you to "double-down" on your involvements, contributions, and worship attendance this month and beyond. By doing so, you are revealing and living out your love and faithfulness unto God, your heavenly Father, who loves you like no other.

God loves you, and so do I!

♥ ~ Pastor La

BRING A FRIEND TO CHURCH SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH



This is a day for us to be intentional about inviting others to experience God with us. This is the day for us to reach out, invite, and worship alongside our friends who may benefit from being in a Christ-centered community, who are without a church home, or who just need to hear that God loves them!

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH



Our Children & Youth will hold soup pots at the church doors on Sunday, February 9th. Please help our children and youth support our OSL Pantry by bringing dried pasta, rice or monetary donations to place in the soup pots!!! OSL Children & Youth will be collecting donations after each service in the Narthex.



BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER FOR SUMMER CAMP

Sunday, February 9th after each service.

Come get super bowl goodies and support our campers!



It's been a cold start to the year, but things are heating up again with CYF! First off, thank you to all the volunteers that have put in hours in 2024 and making sure the kids are loved, cared for and brought up in the Word. If you were in church on January 12th, you learned that there were some shifts in the CYF Director leadership. With that being said, I (Stephanie) will be in the office full-time and would love to have visitors!

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING & BAKE SALE: This month we are going to have a couple of fundraisers, but they will be on the same day! On Sunday, February 9th we will have our annual Souper Bowl of Caring and a Bake Sale. This year, our Souper Bowl of Caring funds will go to the OSL Pantry! Kids are encouraged to wear their favorite sport team jersey (football or otherwise). Please bring your loose change, dollar bills or checkbooks and help support the kids to support their community. All bake sale funds raised will go to help defray the cost of camp for Summer 2025. If you would like to provide baked goods or a savory snack to be sold, please bring them to the church office the week of Feb. 3rd - 7th or on Sunday, Feb. 9th.

RUMMAGE SALE: Speaking of fundraisers, our annual CYF Rummage Sale will be on March 21st & 22nd in the MPR. Please start gathering your items for this sale but hold off on bringing them to the church until the end of this month/beginning of March. Bigger items can be arranged to be brought to the church earlier if needed. Please, no clothing!

SUMMER CAMP: Do you have a kid or grandkid that has finished the 2nd grade? Would they enjoy going out into God's creation to learn more about Him and strengthen their relationship with Him? Summer 2025 is already in the works, so we need to know how many kids are going to summer camp. Please let Mrs. Stephanie know if your child(ren) will want to attend. Our Middle School and High School kids will be going back to Camp Eagle. We are currently vetting camps to send our elementary school kids to, so please stay tuned for that update.

SUNDAY FUNDAYS: A change that needs to be noted is that our Sunday Funday's will be for Middle School and High School Youth from now on. The date will stay the same, the last Sunday of every month after the 10:30 am service. We will still have Family Sunday Funday's quarterly, March, June, September and November.

IMPORTANT DATES: Add these dates to your calendar now so you don't miss the fun!

- Rummage Sale ~ March 21st & 22nd
- Youth Led Service & Family Sunday Funday (Bowling) ~ March 30th
- Summer Camp (MS/HS) at Camp Eagle, Rocksprings, Tx ~ June 2nd - 6th
- Vacation Bible School ~ July 20th - 22nd
- LCMC Texas District Youth Gathering ~ July 25th & 26th
- Community Block Party at OSL: July 30, 2025



February Birthdays

2/1 - Preston Whitley	2/1 - Cole Neill	2/1 - Stella Crawford
2/2 - Brenda Waltersdorff	2/5 - Bobby Stirneman	2/5 - Shirley Pfeil
2/8 - Scot Winkenwerder	2/8 - Gage Bludau	2/9 - Pat Blanchard
2/11 - Randy Clark	2/13 - Russell Pruitt	2/14 - Walter Hahn
2/14 - MarleeKay Garcia	2/16 - Don Atkinson	2/21 - Leland Schroeter
2/23 - Sandra Hilbrich	2/23 - Paige Cortez	2/24 - Stephen Fuhrman
2/25 - Diane Dabney	2/25 - Ben Schapery	2/28 - Raymundo Moreno





FEBRUARY 2025



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>PLEASE NOTE CHURCH EVENTS, DATES AND DETAILS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE</p>	<p>IMPORTANT REMINDER If you volunteered at OSL January 2024 ~ December 2025 You are cordially invited to attend our Volunteer Appreciation Banquet being held in your honor on Saturday, February 1st Happy Hour 5:30 pm ★ Dinner 6:00 pm in the Multipurpose Room</p>					<p>1 5:30 pm Volunteer Appreciation Banquet</p>
<p>2 8:00 - Traditional Worship Service 10:30 am - Contemporary Worship Service HOLY COMMUNION HELPING HANDS 9:15 am - Adult, Children & Youth Sunday School</p>	<p>3 5:15 pm - Fellowship Meeting</p>	<p>4 9:30 am - Tabitha Quilting Ministry 5:30 pm - Ministry Leaders Meeting</p>	<p>5 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</p>	<p>6 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Homeschool Group 6:00 pm - Women's Grace Retreat Meeting</p>	<p>7 OFFICE CLOSED 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Hospice Crochet Group Homeschool Group in Christian Ed Building</p>	<p>8 10:00 am - Life After Loss Support Group</p>
<p>9 8:00 - Traditional Worship Service 10:30 am - Contemporary Worship Service Bring A Friend Sunday Souper Bowl of Caring & CYF Bake Sale 9:15 am - Adult, Children & Youth Sunday School</p>	<p>10 9:00 am - Staff Meeting 1:30 pm - Pantry Prep 5:00 pm - Executive Council Meeting</p>	<p>11 9:30 am - Tabitha Quilting Ministry 4:00 pm - Pantry 6:30 pm - Worship Meeting Chapel Rented</p>	<p>12 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</p>	<p>13 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Homeschool Group 6:00 pm - Women's Grace Retreat Meeting</p>	<p>14 OFFICE CLOSED 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Hospice Crochet Group</p>	<p>15 <i>Valentine's Day</i></p>
<p>16 8:00 - Traditional Worship Service 10:30 am - Contemporary Worship Service HOLY COMMUNION 9:15 am - Adult, Children & Youth Sunday School</p>	<p>17 <i>President's Day</i> 8:00 am - Pastor's Advisory Team Meeting 9:00 am - Staff Meeting 6:00 pm - Women of the Word in the MPR</p>	<p>18 9:30 am - Tabitha Quilting Ministry 6:30 pm - Council Meeting</p>	<p>19 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</p>	<p>20 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Homeschool Group 6:00 pm - Women's Grace Retreat Meeting 6:00 pm - Council & Ministry Leaders Dinner in Christian Ed Great Rm</p>	<p>21 OFFICE CLOSED 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Hospice Crochet Group</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23 8:00 - Traditional Worship Service 10:30 am - Contemporary Worship Service 9:15 am - Adult, Children & Youth Sunday School 11:30 am - Youth Sunday Funday</p>	<p>24 9:00 am - Staff Meeting 1:30 pm - Pantry Prep 5:30 pm - CYF Committee Meeting</p>	<p>25 9:30 am - Tabitha Quilting Ministry 4:00 pm - Pantry</p>	<p>26 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</p>	<p>27 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Homeschool Group 6:00 pm - Women's Grace Retreat Meeting</p>	<p>28 OFFICE CLOSED 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Hospice Crochet Group</p>	

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

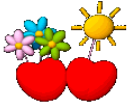


	USHER	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	ACOLYTE	LECTOR	GREETER	WELCOMER	WELCOME DESK	CHURCH SAFETY TEAM	LEADER IN CHARGE
Feb. 2 nd 8:00 am	Dale Hoffmann Shirley hoffmann Bobby Jacob	Gleen Gisler Jean Gisler Jean Huber	Alex Johnston	Steve Fiedler	Kathleen Reimann	Jan Jacob	Linda Mueller	Ronnie Wolter Carol Buchhorn Mel Bontrager	February 2 nd Debbie Cavallin February 9 th Michael Buchhorn
10:30 am	Raymundo Moreno Diana Moreno Michael Buchhorn Dena Buchhorn	Brett Ckudre Kathy Ozuna Patty McGehee Marilyn Young	Hunter Jacob		Irene Hahn	Laura Wright	Randy Clark Debbie Cavallin Manuel Mendez	February 16 th Marilyn Young February 23 rd Becky Linville	
Feb. 9 th 8:00 am	Gerald Merks Glenn Gisler Jerri Brown		Cole Neill	Jean Gisler	Janet Merks	Jean Huber	Gerald Merks Royce Krueger Linda Mueller	ALTAR GUILD Linda Mueller Marilyn Young Lisa Stoeltje	
10:30 am	Randy Clark Kurtis Krueger Debbie Krueger Darryl Kern		Hannah Morris		Kathy Morris Haley Morris	Norma Lawrence	Stephen Fuhrman Randy McGehee Michael Buchhorn	ALTAR FLOWERS February 2 nd OSL Staff February 9 th Jason & Gina Eliot February 16 th Louis Willeke February 23 rd	
Feb. 16 th 8:00 am	Mei Bontrager Mitchell Thurman Laura Johnston	Stephen Fuhrman Janine Rothmann Steve Fiedler	Alex Johnston	Jan Jacob	Kathleen Reimann	Linda Mueller	Dale Hoffmann Richard Ross Luke Hersey	PRAYERS February 2 nd Cole Neill February 9 th Pam Raley February 16 th Arun Pickens February 23 rd Marilyn Young	
10:30 am	Marilyn Young Sharon Kacir Hanta Andriamihaja Patty McGehee	Michael Buchhorn Dena Buchhorn Carol Buchhorn Richard Ross Kathleen Ross	Arun Pickens		Pam Raley	EJ Raley	Steve Fiedler Brett Ckudre Milton Slaughte		
Feb. 23 rd 8:00 am	Royce Krueger Terry Krueger Steve Fiedler		Cole Neill	Joyce Hahn	Shirley Hoffmann	Jean Huber	Buck Dabney Mitchell Thurman Diane Dabney		
10:30 am	Kurtis Krueger Debbie Krueger Tom Willis Darryl Kern		Conleigh Whitley		Laura Wright	Norma Lawrence	Bruce Jank Raymundo Moreno Diane Dabney		

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR 2025 CHURCH COUNCIL AND MINISTRY LEADERS

Pastor La Andriamihaja	361-575-4305	Worship Ministry Leader	Sharon Kacir	361-649-6739	Prayer & Devotional Life Ministry Leader
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Barret Jacob	361-935-8093	Church Council Member			

WOMEN OF THE WORD



W.O.W. – will have their next monthly meeting on Monday, February 17th at 6:00 pm in the MPR. All ladies of OSL are welcome to attend. There is always a time of great fellowship, meaningful devotion and these meetings are always purposeful. This month the women are collecting paper products (paper towels, toilet paper, kleenex, etc.) & baby items to be donated to Bethlehem Maternity Home.

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

Tuesday, February 4th at 5:30 pm in the Conference Room



HELPING HANDS OFFERING SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 2ND

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, February 8th at 10:00 am. If you have any questions, please feel free to talk to Stephen Fuhrman.



Mission Moment
by Pastor Bryce Formwalt,
Director of Mission Growth



HARVEST WORKERS

God’s Extraordinary Work: In my days as a pastor of a congregation, one of my joys was planning sermon series during the different liturgical seasons of the church calendar. One year I stumbled upon the idea of doing a summer series called “Characters of the Bible.” Each Sunday after Pentecost, we started walking through the Old Testament and studied the men and women of God that we read about in the Bible. For many adult congregation members,

this was the first time these stories had been revisited since their childhood days when they were taught in Sunday School classes. Unfortunately, these stories are often not the topic of the regular preaching during Sunday morning sermons.

Through this sermon series, we began to focus on a theme that we find throughout the Old and New Testaments of the Bible: that God uses ordinary people like you and me to do his extraordinary work! Sometimes we remember the Sunday School stories of these Bible characters and imagine them as superheroes. As we stand in awe at what God does in and through their lives, sometimes it is easy for us to forget that the bible character themselves was a sinful human being just like us.

For some people, learning that the person God used in a mighty way as an instrument of his activity in the world is also an imperfect sinner can somehow be seen as a stain, as if it makes the story less powerful. Perhaps this is why the undesirable or scandalous parts of these stories are often glossed over. But I truly believe that the fact that God works through sinful men and women like you and me is by God’s own design and demonstrates that the power is not of man, but of God. Because of this fact, it displays God’s power even more! As Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 4:7, *Now we have this treasure in clay jars, so that this extraordinary power may be from God and not from us.* We who minister in Jesus’ name are mere sinners: imperfect, broken vessels who are tasked with delivering the perfect and powerful Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Therefore, no one should be overly impressed with the messenger and our hope ought not be placed in a pastor. When we place pastors or any church leader on a pedestal, we inevitably will be disappointed when we realize that they, too, sin and fall short. Pastors and all church leaders are called to lead not perfect lives, but to walk honestly and humbly, confessing their sin before God and one another and receiving the forgiveness of sins we all need.

The church is often attacked when the sin of a church leader is exposed... as if it somehow invalidates the many ways God worked through that person for Kingdom good. While it is true that the church is hurt whenever sin goes unconfessed or covered up, God continues to perfectly move, display power, proclaim the Word, and deliver grace and blessing in the sacraments of baptism and communion through the work of imperfect vessels in the church. Despite our sinfulness and brokenness, God still does extraordinary work through ordinary people like you and me.

FYI - CHURCH CONTACTS

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