

MAY 2025

OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, LCMC
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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)



Happy and Blessed Easter to Our Saviour's Family,

***“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.” (1 Thess. 5:16-18)***

By the time you receive this newsletter in the mail, we've made it through the *Triduum* (the three holy days of Holy Week) and have joyfully celebrated Easter, commemorating our Lord Jesus' triumphant victory over the power and effects of sin, death, and the devil. As Easter peoples, we are no longer slaves nor to be fearful of these things, because of what Jesus has done for us on the cross. And because he lives and reigns with God, the Father and Holy Spirit, all of us and all those who believe in Jesus are also victorious with him. So, it is my prayer for you that as you live, love, and serve the Lord, and the people He puts in your path each day, that you ***“Rejoice always!”*** (1Thess.5:16) and claim victory, in the name of Jesus, over whatever this world throws your way. By this, the world will know that you serve and are loved by a living God, and an inheritor of His glorious and mighty Kingdom.

Also, by the time you receive this newsletter, the Our Saviour's Prayer Wall that I built with the scrap woods from many of you will be up in the Narthex of our Sanctuary (to the left of the center door into the Sanctuary). I'd like to express my gratitude to all who brought a piece of wood, or more, for the construction of the wall. It was, indeed, a labor of love for me to have built it as it offered me opportunities to fast and pray for members of our congregation during Lent. It is my prayer that you'd ***“pray continually”*** (1 Thess. 5:17) in addition to the prayers you'll offer up on the Prayer Wall.

Now that the OSL Prayer Wall is up, here are some key things you need to know and to remember about Our Saviour's Prayer Wall.

1. It will be dedicated on Sunday, May 4th, at the closing of our combined worship service that Sunday. Remember, we'll have 1 (one) worship service that Sunday, starting at 9:00 a.m., because it's our SpringFest day.
2. As I wrote in the March newsletter, the concept of the OSL Prayer Wall is modeled after the “Wailing Wall”, or the “Kotel” in Jerusalem where thousands of people from around the world continue to bring their prayers of joy and concerns before God, written on a small pieces of paper and insert it/them in the crevasses on the wall.
3. So, as a community of faith that believes in the power of prayers, you are invited and welcome to write out your prayers to the Lord and place it/them anywhere in the Prayer Wall. There are small pieces of paper and pens below the Prayer Wall for you to use. As you do so, trust and know that the Lord your God has heard your prayers and will answer you in due time.
4. As a praying community, when at any time you're in the Narthex of OSL and feel led by the Holy Spirit to pray for others, feel free to take any of the prayers that others have left on the wall and lift it/them up to the Lord. There's a kneeler below the Prayer Wall, should you feel the need to kneel as you pray. Then when you're done, return the prayer request(s) back into the wall for others to have a chance to lift up as well.
5. Lastly and **VERY IMPORTANT**, please **DO NOT** include names or any sensitive information in your written prayer requests - God already knows who and the circumstances you're praying for. And if you're writing a prayer request on behalf of someone else, please check with them first if it'd be OK for you to do so. It's a sin to betray someone's private and confidential information through prayers

Family and friends of Our Saviour's, as we've all made it through our Easter celebrations, let us remember to ***“give thanks in all circumstances”*** (1 Thess. 5:18), come what may, for Christ is Risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia! ♥ ~ Pastor La

OUR SAVIOUR'S MESSAGE



SPRINGFEST - MAY 4, 2025

ONE WORSHIP SERVICE AT 9:00 AM

ACTIVITIES 10:30 AM UNTIL 1:00 PM

SERVING 11:00AM - 1:00 PM

LIVE AUCTION 1:00 PM

We are selling BBQ brisket plates and chicken plates with all the trimmings. Meal tickets are available in the Narthex. Brisket plates are \$15 Dine-In ONLY and Chicken plates are \$12 Dine-In or Drive-Thru. We will also have a Live Auction, Silent Auction, Raffle, Country Store, Cake Walk, Children's Activities and Live Music provided by Logan Gisler and the Well Diggers. Springfest Raffle tickets are on sale now for \$5 donation per ticket or 5 tickets for \$20 in the Narthex.

The proceeds from this Springfest will be divided between: Gabriel Project of the Crossroads, Young Life - Victoria, The Humility Project, & OSL Ministries



2025 LCMC TEXAS DISTRICT
ANNUAL GATHERING
& YOUTH GATHERING

All in the
Same Boat

July 25-26, 2025
First English, Victoria, TX

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:
Christian Huntley
Steve Turnbull
Trevor Sutton

TICKETS:
Adult - \$75 by 6/30 | \$100 after
Youth - 50% off

FEATURING:
18 Breakouts to choose from
Separate Youth Gathering & Lock-in
Great Food & Worship

Register Online!

WWW.LCMCTEXAS.ORG/ANNUAL-GATHERING



LCMC Texas District
YOUTH GATHERING & LOCK-IN
First English in Victoria, Texas

FOR GRADES 6-12

JULY 25-26

TICKETS:
\$37.50 by June 30 | \$50 after

COME FOR:
Fun, Friends & Fellowship
Dinner Friday
Breakfast & Lunch Saturday
Free T-Shirt
And so much more!

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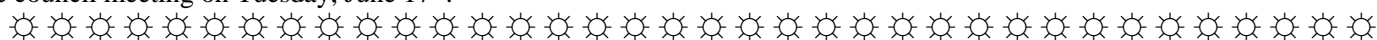
Register online! →

www.lcmctexas.org/YOUTH-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) for two OSL Congregation members selected to be OSL delegates. Delegates will need to attend as much of the gathering as possible and give a summary of the event at the OSL annual congregational meeting in November. We also need to have 2 volunteers who are willing to be alternate delegates in case the two primary delegates are unable to attend. If you are interested in being considered to be delegate to the LCMC Texas District Gathering, please send your request to OSL Council President, Stephen Fuhrman (fuhrmasa@gmail.com). Please have your request sent by Sunday, June 15th, so delegates can be approved at the council meeting on Tuesday, June 17th.



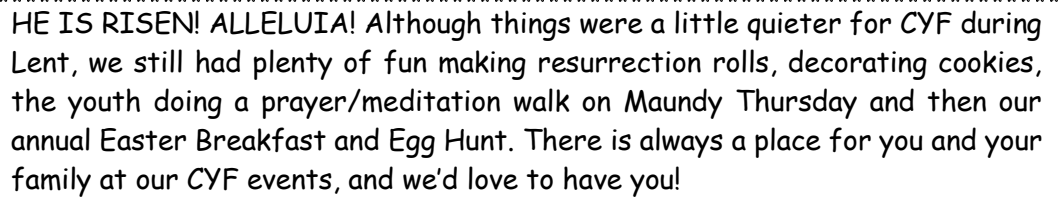
OASIS MEAL EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 5:45 PM IN MPR

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.

BIBLE STUDY FOR ALL LED BY PASTOR LA

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





PARENT INFORMATION MEETING FOR CAMP EAGLE & YOUTH MISSION TRIP: On Wednesday, May 14th at 6:30 pm in the Conference Room. If you can't attend this meeting, please let Mrs. Stephanie know.

VBS PLANNING MEETING: VBS will be Sunday, July 20th - Tuesday, July 22nd. If you are interested in helping, please attend our planning meeting on Tuesday, May 27th at 6:30 pm in the Conference Room.

- Springfest ~ Sunday, May 4th
- Oasis Meal and GROW Activities ~ Wednesdays May 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th.
- Youth Sunday Funday ~ May 25th

- Summer Camp (MS/HS) at Camp Eagle, Rocksprings, Tx ~ Monday, June 2nd - Friday, 6th
- Graduate Celebration ~ Sunday, June 8th
- Youth Mission Trip ~ Sunday, June 15th - Wednesday, June 18th
- Family Led Worship with Holy Communion and Special Family Sunday Funday for the whole congregation ~ June 29th
- Vacation Bible School ~ July 20th - 22nd
- LCMC Texas District Youth Gathering/Lock-In ~ July 25th & 26th
- Community Block Party at OSL ~ July 30, 2025



Musical notation for a single eighth note.

**USHERS, GREETERS, WELCOMERS, COMMUNION ASSISTANTS,
ACOLYTES, LECTORS, AND WELCOME DESK**

We will be creating worship teams to help evenly distribute the tasks. If you prefer to be scheduled for a specific day, for example, the 1st Sunday of the month, please contact Gina in the office at 361-575-4305 and let her know by Thursday, May 15th.

PLEASE NOTE

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 4th 9:00 am	Dale Hoffmann Bobby Jacob Randy Clark Tom Willis	Glenn Gisler Jean Gisler Richard Ross Kathleen Ross Kathy Ozuna	Alex Johnston	Jan Jacob	Kathleen Reimann	Jan Jacob	Linda Mueller	Ronnie Wolters Carol Buchhorn Mel Bontrager	May 4th Marilyn Young May 11th Janine Rothmann May 18th Darryl Kern May 25th Pam Raley
May 11th 8:00 am	Gerald Merks Glenn Gisler Jerri Brown	Henry Neill	Kim Neill	Terry Krueger	Joyce Cardinell	Jean Huber	Kathleen Morris	Gerald Merks Royce Krueger Linda Mueller	ALTAR GUILD Pam Raley Kathleen Ross
10:30 am	Kurtis Krueger Debbie Krueger Jason Eliot Darryl Kern	Hannah Morris		Katy Morris Haley Morris	Irene Hahn	Kathleen Morris		Stephen Fuhrman Randy McGehee Michael Buchhorn	ALTAR FLOWERS May 4th Dan & Lynna Briggs May 11th Noel & Cindy Smith May 18th Stephanie Stevens May 25th Pastor La
May 18th 8:00 am	Mel Bontrager Mitchell Thurman Steve Fiedler	Royce Krueger Terry Krueger Konor Eliot	Konor Eliot	Steve Fiedler	Kathleen Reimann	Eddy Griffiths	Linda Mueller	Dale Hoffmann Richard Ross Luke Hersey	PRAYERS May 4th Marilyn Young May 11th Pat DeDear May 18th Konor Eliot May 25th Sharon Kacir
10:30 am	Hanta Andriamihaja Sharon Kacir Marilyn Young Patty McGehee	Michael Buchhorn Dena Buchhorn Carol Buchhorn Barret Jacob Deanna Jacob	Tanner Jacob	Michael Buchhorn Dena Buchhorn	Laura Wright	Norma Lawrence		Steve Fiedler Brett Ckudre Milton Slaughter	
May 25th 8:00 am	Royce Krueger Terry Krueger Laura Johnston	Alex Johnston	Bruce Jank	Shirley Hoffmann	Joyce Cardinell	Jean Huber		Buck Dabney Mitchell Thurman Diane Dabney	
10:30 am	Randy Clark Jason Eliot Darryl Kern Tom Willis	Conleigh Whitley		Pam Raley Arun Pickens	Laura Wright	EJ Raley		Bruce Jank Raymundo Moreno Diane Dabney	
Reminder: We will be implementing a new worship assistance schedule beginning in June. This new system will help us to schedule up to six months in advance. We will be creating worship teams to help evenly distribute the tasks. If you prefer to be scheduled for a specific Sunday, please contact Gina in the office at 361-575-4305.									

May Birthdays

<i>5/1 – Blane Schroeder</i>	<i>5/2 – Dena Buchhorn</i>	<i>5/4 – David Franklin</i>	<i>5/6 – Arlen Miller</i>	<i>5/9 – Hugh Davis</i>
<i>5/9 – Stacey Frazer</i>	<i>5/10 – Karla Rothmann</i>	<i>5/11 – Erica Rangnow</i>	<i>5/11 – Conleigh Whitley</i>	<i>5/12 – Steve Bolle</i>
<i>5/12 – Lee Morris</i>	<i>5/13 – Kenneth Lucke</i>	<i>5/15 – Beth Waak</i>	<i>5/16 – Jordan Janis</i>	<i>5/17 – Dorothy Jahger</i>
<i>5/18 – Mark Hanson</i>	<i>5/20 – Pat DeDear</i>	<i>5/20 – Henry Karnowski</i>	<i>5/22 – Debbie Krueger</i>	<i>5/22 – Katy Morris</i>
<i>5/22 – Jessica Janis</i>	<i>5/23 – Weyman Reimann</i>	<i>5/23 – John Waak</i>	<i>5/23 – Brittany Hempel</i>	<i>5/24 – Elaine Sievers</i>
<i>5/24 – Pastor La</i>	<i>5/24 – Adam Cortez</i>	<i>5/29 – Larry Henneke</i>	<i>5/30 – Carol DeAtley</i>	<i>5/30 – Deedee Cornelius</i>
<i>5/30 – Laura Johnston</i>	<i>5/31 – Tom Willis</i>			

WOMEN OF THE WORD



W.O.W. - Will meet on Monday, May 19th 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.

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

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



HELPING HANDS OFFERING SUNDAY – MAY 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. 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 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 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 10th at 10:00 am. If you have any questions, please feel free to talk to Stephen Fuhrman.

PRAYER CHAIN – If you need to add someone to the prayer chain, please call/text 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.



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

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

Thank you everyone for the cards, thoughts and prayers sent our way regarding Don's brother, Kenneth, and my sister, Doris Krueger. We appreciated each one very much. Don and Gloria Seiler

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:
EJ Raley



Received in Holy Baptism and
Received First Communion:
Henry Preston Neill



With our prayers for a speedy recovery, these folks were listed in the hospital/rehab:
Elaine Thurman



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

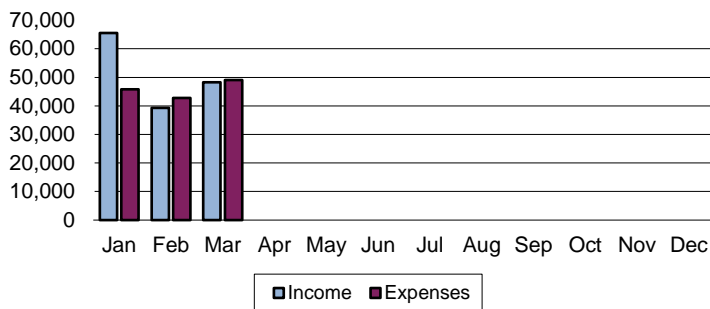


We welcome our newest members:
Jory & Stephanie Stevens

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

CHURCH FINANCIAL UPDATE

General Fund 2025 Income vs. Expenses



CHURCH ATTENDANCE

April Attendance

Our average weekly attendance
for April 281.

April 6 th	128
April 13 th	421
April 20 th	295

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



2025 MINISTRY LEADERS CONTACT INFORMATION

Pastor La Andriamihaja	361-575-4305	Worship
Hanta Andriamihaja	612-840-5820	Hospitality
Michael Buchhorn	361-676-0053	Fellowship
Gina Eliot	361-649-2805	Children, Youth & Family
Jason Eliot	361-648-0370	Spiritual Formation
Sharon Kacir	361-649-6739	Prayer & Devotional Life
Darryl Kern	361-571-3614	Global Missions
Diana Moreno	361-220-4545	Digital Communications
Pam Raley	361-935-4582	Community Outreach
Laura Wright	361-920-1916	Welcome
Marilyn Young	361-550-2513	Caring & Bridging

2025 CHURCH COUNCIL CONTACT INFORMATION

Stephen Fuhrman	361-894-1441	President
Janine Rothmann	361-571-0593	Vice President
Randy Clark	361-484-7285	Secretary
Debbie Cavallin	361-220-1498	Member
Barret Jacob	361-935-8093	Member
Becky Linville	361-573-5478	Member
Kim Neill	361-564-8784	Member
Lynna Briggs	361-550-4477	Treasurer

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 ..."

Endowment Fund Grant requests for the next school year must be submitted by Sunday, June 1st 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.

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Music Leader – Amanda Christian 361-575-4305 ext. 7002
Music Leader – Cindy Smith 361-575-4305 ext. 7002
CYF Director – Stephanie Stevens 361-575-4305 ext. 7004
CYF Assistant – Jake Henson 361-575-4305
Financial Administrator – Sally Hersey 361-575-4305 ext. 7001
Office Administrator – Gina Elliot 361-575-4305 ext. 7000
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