

# Our Savior Lutheran Church

*Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*

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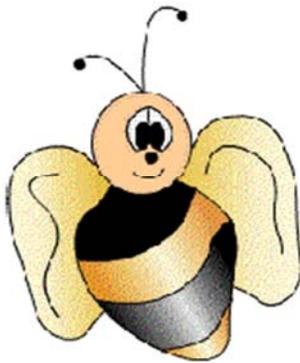
## Pastor's Newsletter Article

Greetings in the name of Jesus, the Light of the World!

January was a busy month with the congregational meeting, polka service, and garage sale. We give thanks to our outgoing council members and welcome the new—David and Carmen Bourbois, Noelia Trevino, Cathy Graham, and Larry Wilson. They will be assigned to their committees at the Council Retreat this Feb. 11th and 12th. Pray for our council leadership not only on that weekend but throughout the year....Our thanks to so many of the volunteers who helped with the garage sale. In particular, we thank its two leaders—Barb Smith and Norm Frey. Both have dedicated many hours over the years to the Sharing and Caring committee and its multiple projects. Norm is stepping down from his leadership on property committee and social ministry, which have both saved the congregation thousands of dollars through the years and blessed the surrounding community and colonias around us. The Tuesday morning property volunteers are down to only two volunteers now. So your willingness to help on a regular basis or sporadically would be appreciated. Thank you in advance.... Thank the whole congregation for your gifts and resources that you share here at OSLC and in the larger community/world. We

met our financial goals in 2021 and have challenged ourselves to higher goals in 2022. Pick up an annual report in the narthex to check out our new budget for 2022 and all the wonderful ministries of 2021 that were completed... February continues our season of Epiphany and seeing God manifested in Jesus' Spirit working tirelessly around and within us. The season finishes on the 27th of this month with Transfiguration Sunday—our bridge to Lent. God bless you all. Pastor Steve

*Change the order of the letters to find the things that we should "Bee."*



1. **LUHFAKTN**      -----  
Psalms 100:4

2. **INDETGIL**      -----  
Proverbs 27:23

3. **ATHUFFLI**      -----      Revelation 2:10

4. **RGOTSN**      -----      Ephesians 6:10

5. **IMFECRLU**      -----      Luke 6:36

6. **NDIK**      -----      Ephesians 4:32

7. **OEDSR**      -----      James 1:22

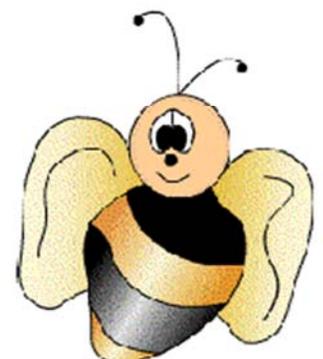
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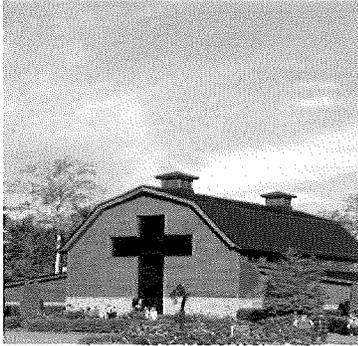
9. **ESOUORCUT**      -----      I Peter 3:8

10. **OETNTCN**      -----      Phillipians 4:11

11. **USGAOEUROC**      -----  
Psalms 31:24

12. **SEIW**      -----      Proverbs 8:33





## ***Billy Graham's Library***

Have you been to Billy Graham's Library? The Library is located in Charlotte, NC on the property where Billy grew up. He and his wife, Ruth, are also buried there. It's a wonderful place to visit. This is where one discovers the life and legacy of America's Pastor, a journey from a humble farm boy to an international ambassador of God's love.

I had the opportunity to visit the Library twice and both times the emotions became overwhelming. When I was a youngster in Livingston, Montana, our farm neighbors took me to a film of Billy Graham's crusade. He was powerful! Two of my friends from Hope Lutheran, Freehold, NJ, were with many teenagers who drove into NY City to attend one of Graham's revivals years ago as teenagers. They were with me on my first visit to the Library in July 2014 while Billy Graham was still alive. The second was more recent in June 2020. One of the quotes from Billy Graham, "***My prayer is that God will accomplish what He wants to accomplish through this ministry.***"

***"The Crusade Continues"***..... Until the vision for the Billy Graham Library was explained in these terms, Billy Graham was against the idea of a library bearing his name. He was so adamant against anything that would detract from the message he preached for more than 60 years—a message that points to Christ alone as the way to God. When the concept of the Library was described to Mr. Graham as a "Crusade" that would continue for generations to come, he reconsidered. "***When it was presented as an ongoing ministry and that people would have the opportunity to be won to Christ, I changed my mind,***" he said. The dedication ceremony took place on May 31, 2007, and was attended by Billy Graham, former Presidents Carter, Clinton and Bush and a crowd of nearly 1,500. Billy Graham died February 21, 2018.

The poem written by ***Rita Hawkins***, of Louisville, Kentucky, was put to the hymn, "***Here am I, Lord***" and was sung at the end of each of Bill Graham's revivals. These are powerful words.....

Refrain ***Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord  
I have heard You calling in the night.  
I will go Lord, if You lead me.  
I will hold Your people in my heart.***

***I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have born my peoples pain.  
I have wept for love of them, They  
turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
Give them hearts for love alone.***

***I will speak My word to them,  
Whom shall I send*** Refrain

***I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them,  
My hand will save  
Finest bread I will provide,  
Till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give My life to them,  
Whom shall I send*** Refrain

Submitted by ***Wanda Nebiolo***



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- Loss of a career
- Loss of trust
- Loss of faith
- Loss of safety
- Loss of health

Your feelings are normal and natural. The problem is that we have been socialized to believe that these feelings are abnormal and not natural.

**THE LECTURE WILL BE  
Thursday, February 10 • From 10 to 10:30-10:45 AM**

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***Rio Grande Women of the ELCA Spring Conference***  
***Grace Lutheran Church, Harlingen***

Date: February 5, 2022  
Registration 8:30–9:00 am  
Registration Fee: \$10.00  
Business Meeting & Worship 9:00 am  
Guest Speaker: Brenda Piñero  
“Immigration, What You Should Know”  
Gumbo Luncheon at 11:00  
Location: Grace Lutheran Church  
1001 E. Jackson  
Harlingen  
RSVP by February 1 (LUNCH COUNT ONLY)  
[secretary@gelelca.org](mailto:secretary@gelelca.org) or Text Name 956-454-1036

***Physical Offering*** – We are collecting children’s underwear for Valley Haven, Inc. Their mission is to protect, guide and nurture abused and neglected children by providing a safe and loving home.

***Monetary Offering*** will go to SWT Women of the ELCA Synodical Board and the Valley Haven Emergency Children’s Shelter for the Rio Grande Valley.

## February 2022

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## JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Norman & Betty Frey	1/1
Bob & Mary Ann Fodness	1/3
Donald & Judith Peterson	1/24
Jenny & Joel Penk	1/30

## FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Roger & Jani Burnham	2/14
Larry & Shari Chisholm	2/14
Frank & Janice Zezulka	2/15
Bud & Donna Klemond	2/19
Hal & Dorothy Case	2/24
Ronald & Cheryl Hawkins	2/24

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Judy Juncker	1/2
Blanca Olvera	1/6
Cathy Graham	1/9
David Bourbois	1/12
Arlene Twait	1/12
Carolyn Mabee	1/15
Ellen Madson	1/17
Dick Rush	1/17
Larry Budeau	1/18
Walt Knaus	1/19
Michael Hiles	1/20
Carla Kedrowski	1/21
Lois Erickson	1/24
Robert Emerick	1/27
Dawn Everson	1/27
Gene Twait	1/27
Louise Chase	1/28
Robert Dwyer	1/28
Bennie Mueske	1/30
Evelyn Bone	1/31
Carmen Bourbois	1/31
Zuri Slusser	1/31

## FINANCIAL SUMMARY DECEMBER 2021

December Month to date income was \$22,588.34 and was more than the planned income by \$2,259.11. Year to date income was \$247,195.83 and was short of the planned income of \$249,195.83 by \$2,530.17. Month to date income less month to date expenses was a positive \$1,929.80.

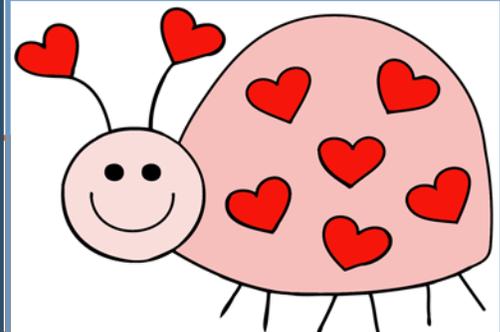
Month to date expenses were \$20658.54 and were less than planned for expenses by \$178.12. Year to date expenses were \$248,092.08 and were also less than the planned expenses of \$249,726.00 by \$1,633.92. Year to date income \$247,195.83 less year to date expenses of \$248,092.08 was a negative number or a loss of -\$896.25 for the year. A little disappointing that we didn't end up in the black but we did do some catching up in December. Hopefully we can look forward to a better 2022!

The LOST group will be having a Cookie Sale February 13th to help you celebrate Valentine's Day! Help support our youth and their fundraiser by purchasing some cookies after the 9:30 service. The LOST group will also have a LOST event at 12:15pm on February 20th.

## SCRIP INFO

Scrip orders will be placed on 2/20/22

for delivery on 2/27/22. You can stop by the office during the week to place your orders or contact Vicki Drews if you have any questions.



## FINANCIAL SUMMARY NOVEMBER 2021

Income for November was \$19,269.74 and was more than planned for by -\$841. Expenses for November were \$16,969 and were less than the planned expenses by -\$3,922. November income of \$19,270 less November expenses of \$16,969 means we took in more money than we spent by +\$3,921.87. YTD Actual Income of \$224,607 is less than the planned income of \$229,396.77 by -\$4,789. YTD expenses are \$227,434 and are \$1,456 less than what was planned for. YTD Income less YTD expenses is a loss of \$2,826. So maybe not as good as we would like but we are catching up from last month by \$2,301! Thank you all for mailing in or dropping off your donations. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

2022: Your year for generosity

**“You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity!” -2 Corinthians 9:11**

As you make resolutions and set goals for the New Year, be sure to include this one: “I will be more generous in 2022,” It will bless you– and your community and neighbor!

The Bible makes clear that generosity leads to a more abundant life. Generous people experience one of those paradoxes of the Kingdom of God, where the last are first, the greatest is servant to all, and whoever loses her life for Christ will gain it.

The paradox? Generous people get back far more than they give.

First, a clarification: The paradox is NOT a financial strategy to maximize return on investment. That would be missing the point. Besides, there are more important things to give than money, such as time, service, kindness, forgiveness, compassion, love, and joy. And what we get back may not be quantifiable. How do you measure wellbeing and happiness?

Generosity’s real “payback” is what and who we become when we cultivate a habit of giving. Giving transforms us into generous-hearted people, and generous-hearted people tend to experience a real abundance of joy, peace, love, and security.

The old saying is most certainly true; The open palm holds more than the closed fist.

For 2022, set a goal to be more generous. Start by increasing your charitable giving above last year’s offering, but also aim to give away your time, to serve your neighbor, to be lavish in compassion, extravagant in love.

Pray that God will guide you and help you experience the paradox: Givers get back more than they give away.

Rob Blezard

**Rob Blezard:** Copyright © 2020, Rev. Robert Blezard. Pastor Blezard serves as an assistant to the bishop of +the Lower Susquehanna Synod, ELCA, and works as content editor for [www.stewardshipoflife.org](http://www.stewardshipoflife.org). He blogs at [www.thestewardshipquy.com](http://www.thestewardshipquy.com)

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Love is felt,  
Where God is seen,*

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