

Our Savior Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Our Savior Lutheran Church
1105 W. Fern Ave.
McAllen, TX 78501

Worship with us every Sunday.

Worship on Sundays at 9:30am and 11am. We also invite everyone to worship with us online. You can watch Sunday's service on our Facebook page (Our Savior McAllen—ELCA), and on our YouTube page. (You can find us by searching for 'Our Savior Lutheran Church McAllen').

Please stay tuned for further updates .



Our Savior Lutheran Staff:

Ministers	All People of OSLC
Pastor	Steve Herzberg
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Pianist	John McLeod
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Bell Director	Connie Laumann

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Secretary	Noelia Trevino
Fellowship	Paula Cheever
Evangelism	Angelo Ranaudo
Learning & Youth	Van Slusser
Property	David Bourbois
Stewardship	Zane Juncker
Worship & Music	Cathy Graham
Social Concerns	Carmen Bourbois

Pastor's Newsletter Article

Greetings in the Name of the Crucified and Risen Savior,

Yes, in April, we have both Good Friday and Easter Sunday—death and new lifeOur thanks to all who have helped with the Midweek services and dinners. The fellowship and worship have been beneficial for our Lenten journeys. Holy Week begins on the 10th with Palm/Passion Sunday and our traditional entry into Jerusalem with Jesus from our courtyard. The confirmation class will be walking the Stations of the Cross on Wednesday, April 13th at the Basilica in San Juan. They would like to invite others to join them. Maundy Thursday and Good Friday will have footwashings, communion, darkness, and the seven last words of Jesus from the Cross. That will lead us into Sunday morning with a sunrise service in the parking lot, a youth-led breakfast, a children's program, and two later services. It will be a special week set apart from all other weeks of the year. Please come and join us and bring a friend.... Our numbers dwindle down during this month, but the work of the church goes on. We are a resurrection people! Pastor Steve

La Lomita Chapel



Located three miles south of Expressway 83 on FM 1016 Mission, TX 78572

La Lomita (the hillock) was first built in 1865 by Rene Guyard, a French merchant of Reynosa, who had purchased the land in 1845. Guyard left this site and porciones 55 and 57 to the Oblate priests in 1871. La Lomita became an important site for the Calvary of Christ, the Oblate missionaries who rode up and down the Rio Grande Valley visiting widely separated Catholic churches, baptizing newborns, performing marriage ceremonies and blessing the dead.

Church records indicate that La Lomita was rebuilt in 1899 with stones carved from the hill it was built on by the Rev. Fr. F. Bugnard, O.M.I., the Rev. Fr. R. Pescheur and two Oblate brothers. Other buildings, including a rectory and livery stable, were added at this time to the La Lomita area. Records

indicate that La Lomita has been replaced at least twice, first in 1899 and again in the 1920s, and repaired in 1937 by neighboring Catholic women. When the City of Mission, Texas was founded in 1908, the city was named "Mission" in honor of La Lomita Chapel. Now, La Lomita Chapel is a religious shrine and a favorite site of historians that provides a glimpse into an important part of the history of Mission and South Texas in general. *Taken from the Mission, Texas website.*

We have visited this Chapel several times since becoming Winter Texans here in the Rio Grande Valley. One very special occasion was on Palm Sunday 2019. After attending Palm Sunday services at Our Savior Lutheran, we decided to walk along the Fr 1016 with the members of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mission (this church is five miles from La Lomita, but our walk was approximately three miles). The best Palm Sunday ever! Father Roy and many followers carried palm branches and a donkey was in a transport carriage until they arrived at La Lomita Historic Chapel. Father Roy then road the donkey over the palm branches along the narrow pathway past the Chapel to the picnic area. Very emotional! Many activities for the children and lots of food for everyone to enjoy. Father Roy gave the Winter Texans a small bottle of water from the Rio Grande River that he had blessed for our safe travels. If you get an opportunity to visit this historic chapel, you will be pleased that the historians have kept this site as lovely as it is now, and you can imagine the Oblate Priest riding their horses up over the hill to the Chapel.

Submitted by *Wanda Nebiolo*

Midweek Lenten Meal & Worship

On the Wednesdays following Ash Wednesday up until Holy Week, we will have a 4:30pm simple meal fellowship and a 5:30pm worship service. The theme for our Lenten discipline is Turning Toward God's Abundance. Each week will draw on a new divine attribute—faithfulness, mercy, compassion, forgiveness, and love. Speakers will include Pastor Jim Wilken, Pat Acklie-Roth, and Angelo Ranaudo. Volunteers have signed up to host the simple meals. Come and draw closer to God and God's people.

Community Prayer Vigil

On Saturday, April 9th, First Presbyterian Church & OSLC will cosponsor a prayer vigil for the people of Ukraine and surrounding countries at 5:30pm. in Archer Park, downtown McAllen. From 3-5pm, First Presbyterian will have a labyrinth that can be walked inside their facility. Join us for this important act of solidarity with people living under oppression.



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SCRIP INFORMATION

Scrip orders will be placed on 4/17/22 for delivery on 4/24/22. You can stop by the office during the week to place your orders or contact Vicki Drews if you have any questions.

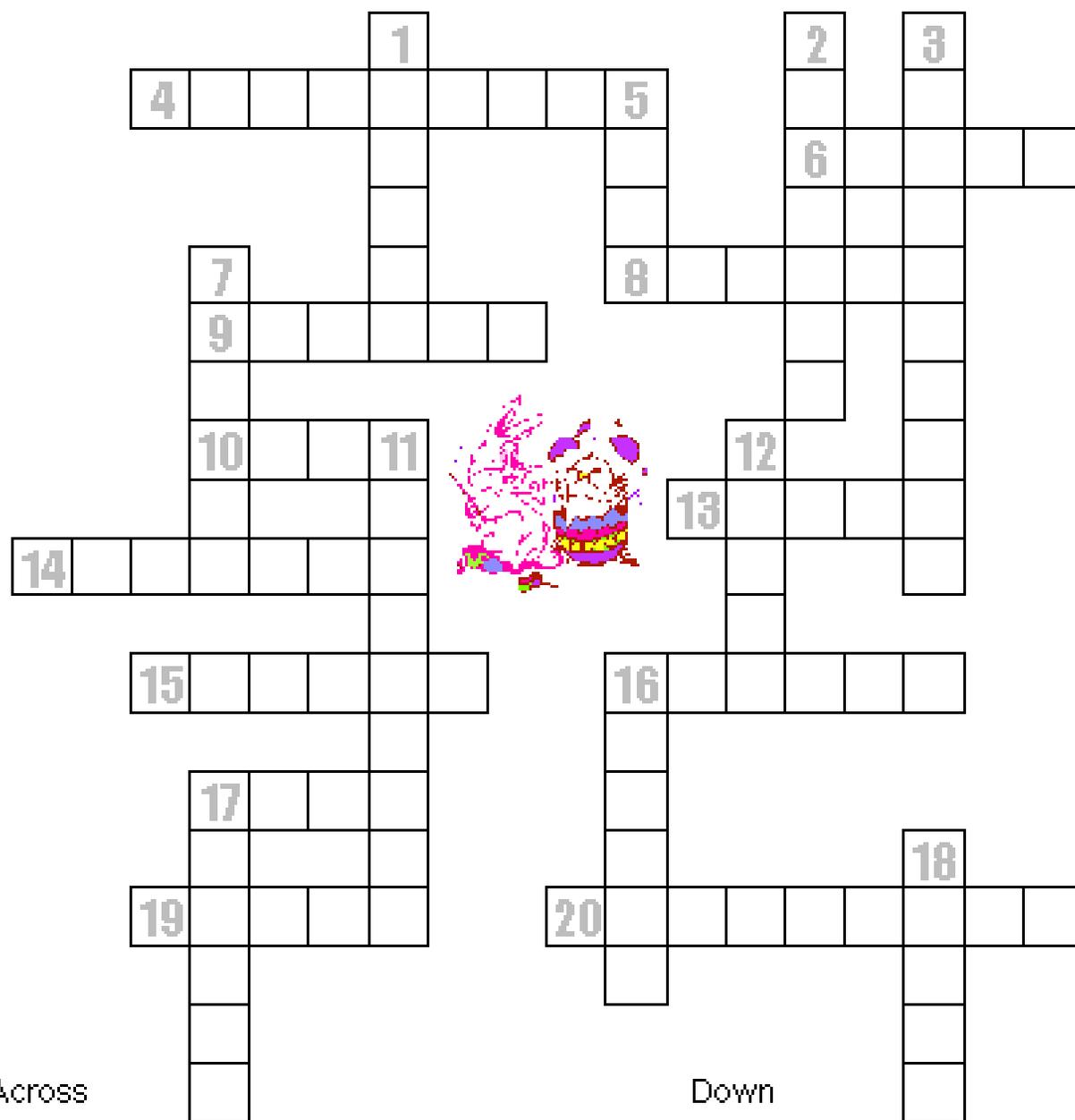


FINANCIAL SUMMARY FEBRUARY 2022

Income for February was \$24,592 and was more than planned for by -\$2,761. Expenses for February were \$19,097 and were less than the planned expenses by -\$3,595. February income of \$24,592 less February expenses of \$19,097 means we took in more money than we spent by +\$5,495. YTD income of \$49,292 less YTD expenses of \$51,551 leaves us with a loss of \$2,260. So all in all February was a good month. Thank you all for mailing in or dropping off your donations. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

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Squigly's Easter Crossword



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Easter stewardship: Resurrection reset

Do you know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.—Romans 6:3-4

Christ is Risen! Risen, indeed! Alleluia!

The triumphant words we cherish every Easter signal more than just Jesus' victory over the grave. They announce for us the end of deadness and the start of a new life, a fresh beginning, in our earthly pilgrimage. Jesus was raised from the dead so that we, too, might walk in newness of life.

From Jesus' resurrection, our lives take on a new trajectory, a turn from the values and precepts of the world and toward the kingdom of God. As we journey, our lives progressively align with the purposes and mission of God.

For a steward-disciple of our Lord, the implications are many. As we walk in newness of life, we might find ourselves

- **Re-examining our relationship to “stuff” - our money, our possessions, the things that might have given us a sense of security or worth. Jesus is our security and our worth.**
- **Drawing closer to family and friends. True wealth is measured by the love we give and receive. Our lives effervesce with the love we receive from God.**
- **Contributing more to church and charity. Jesus frees us from the grip that possessions have upon us. We can more freely give.**
- **Gathering into our lives what Paul calls the fruits of the spirit: “Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control” (Galatians 5:22-23).**

May your lives as steward-disciples take a resurrection reset. Christ is risen! Risen indeed! Alleluia!

Rob Blezard

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Alexander & Heather Merkau	4/20
Duane & Janis Sommer	4/24
Michael & Alice Hiles	4/25
Jay & Cindy Jindra	4/30

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Love is felt,
Lives are changed.*

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