

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').



Our Savior Lutheran Staff:

Ministers	All People of OSLC
Pastor	Steve Herzberg
Office Manager	Vicki Drews
Office Admin	Vicki Drews
Music Director	Kenneth Rivens
Pianist	John McLeod
Youth Director	Dawn Everson
Bell Director	Connie Laumann

Council Members:

President	Paula Cheever
Vice President	Angelo Ranaudo
Treasurer	Rudy Losoya
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

God's blessings to all this month of May. The Winter Texan season is in the rearview mirror, and the closing of our Sunday School and going back to one service is in the front windshield. Probably not the best metaphor, but it does get across the changes of this month. Yes, the last Sunday School and Sunday adult classes will finish on the 22nd of this month. We will then go to one service at 9:30 on the 29th for the months of June thru August. We do plan a monthly potluck after worship in those three months. We haven't set which Sunday of the month that will be One of the biggest changes through the transition will be our planning for VBS, a LOST beach trip, summer camp at Chrysalis for elementary youth, confirmation students, and a LYLE participant, plus the Synod Assembly in New Braunfels. And I suppose a few vacations for the year-rounders, including yours truly. Transitions can be exciting as God goes with and ahead of us. "I am with you always, even until the end of the age." God's promise is sure. We can count on it Our thanks to our faithful Winter Texans who participate in various ministries from worship to service and beyond. Your dedication does not go unnoticed. Our thanks also to those who continue in ministry through the transition and on into the summer. One area that could use another

Pastor Steve's Article Continued

volunteer or two is the Tuesday property workers. We go down to one person during this time. So if anyone can help one or more times on Tuesdays, it would be greatly appreciated. Also, we are looking for a volunteer to be the editor of our facebook page. Kathy Herzberg has faithfully carried out this responsibility for many years, but now with a transition in her own life, she needs to step down from that position. Our thanks to her for her steady and consistent commitment. Angelo Ranaudo, who takes care of our livestreaming on Sunday mornings, is also transitioning back north this month. Again, a volunteer there would be helpful. And those are just some of the possible ministry areas coming up soon. We will need volunteers for VBS as well June 14-16thMay God be with us all. Pastor Steve

Join the Quilters on Thursdays Nine till noon during this transition period.



SCRIP INFORMATION

Scrip orders will be placed on 5/15/22 for delivery on 5/22/22. You can stop by the office during the week to place your orders or contact Vicki Drews if you have any questions.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY MARCH 2022

Income for March was \$23,131 and was more than planned for by -\$1,124. Expenses for March were \$25,351 and were more than the planned expenses by +\$2,179. March income of \$23,131 less March expenses of \$25,351 means we took in less money than we spent by -\$2,219.54. YTD income of \$72,423 less YTD expenses of \$76,901.98 leaves us with a loss of \$4,479.12. Thank you all for mailing in or dropping off your donations.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Prayer Shawl and Afghan Ministry

In 1998, Janet Severi Bristow and Victoria Galo, two graduates of the 1997 Women's Leadership Institute at The Hartford Seminary in Hartford, Connecticut, gave birth to this ***Prayer Shawl Ministry***. The love of knitting/crocheting have been combined into a prayerful ministry and spiritual practice that reaches out to those in need of comfort and solace, as well as in celebration and joy. Many blessings are prayed into every stitch.

Whether they are called Prayer Shawls, Comfort Shawls or Peace Shawls, the shawl maker begins with prayers and blessings for the recipient. The intentions are continued throughout the creation of the shawl. Upon completion, a final blessing is offered before the shawl is sent on its way.

At Hope Lutheran, Freehold, NJ, our Prayer Shawl Ministry began when Grace Lutheran, River Edge, NJ sent four shawls for our pastor to give to the families of two youngsters, 12-year-old Graeme Preston and 13-year-old Kevin Clawson, who were killed while skateboarding. They were struck by a minivan in a residential street at dusk in May 2008. What a tragedy!

The shawls were a loving and wonderful gesture and very thoughtful of Rev. Steve Sweet and the ladies from Grace in River Edge. That very year the Women of Hope Lutheran organized Hope's Prayer Shawl Ministry. Hundreds upon hundreds of shawls have passed through the hands of four or five women knitting or crocheting, and pastor blessing each before giving them out to individuals who have been diagnose with an illness or to families who have lost loved ones, or whatever the need. I do believe there is a prayer in every stitch as my shawls have three sets of stitches or rows (meaning, Father, Son and Holy Spirit).

Here at Our Savior, the Prayer Shawl Ministry began in 2007. The shawls are made by individual members and friends and are given when the need arises.

Afghan (throws or shawls) Ministry for Veterans.....Many ***red, white and blue*** afghans are given each November on Veterans Day to the Veterans at the Freddie Gonzalez Veterans Home. The afghans are blessed here at Our Savior the Sunday before Veterans Day. Any member of Our Savior may attend the ceremony and help distribute the afghans. As many as 75 afghans are made and distributed each year. The veterans receiving the afghans are very appreciative. This ministry began by ***Lena Doering*** several years ago. ***Bink Phillips*** is the coordinator of this ministry and event. If you have any questions, please contact her at 816-405-6825.

Donations of red, white and blue yarn are appreciated as a friend of Our Savior has crocheted several afghans each year. You may bring to the church and make sure Bink receives your donation. The shawls and afghans can be knitted, crocheted, quilted, woven, or machine knitted.

Submitted by ***Wanda Nebiolo***

Getting rid of 'all the crap'

And Jesus said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." - Luke 12

The father of small children was commiserating about how hard it is to keep the house clean with energetic, active, creative kids at home.

"What really gets to me about cleaning the house," he said, "is all the crap."

Crap. Not just the toys and stuffed animals that overflow from toy bins, under beds and closets. The adult stuff, too – the gadgets crowding the kitchen, the cleaning products jammed under the sink, the stuff crammed in the medicine cabinet, the yard junk all over the lawn, and on and on.

The crap factor comes to mind in Jesus' parable of "the rich fool" in Luke 12:17-20. The fool has so much stuff, he wants bigger barns to hold it all. The parable should strike a chord with us in America, where accumulation is such a big problem that self-storage (our "bigger barns") is booming business.

A man of few possessions, Jesus kept everything simple. He must have known how hard it is to focus on godly living when our lives are cluttered with stuff. Of course, Jesus' parable talks about possessions, but the same principle applies to the mind and heart's clutter of ideas, loyalties and desires that distract us from God.

How cluttered is your house? Your mind? Your soul?

For the month of May, consider a house cleaning to get rid of unneeded, unnecessary stuff. And prayerfully consider what "clutter" may be in your mind, heart and soul as well. What needs to be tossed out, recycled or donated in order that your house and your spirit can focus on what's truly important? That is, the things of God.

--Rob Blezard

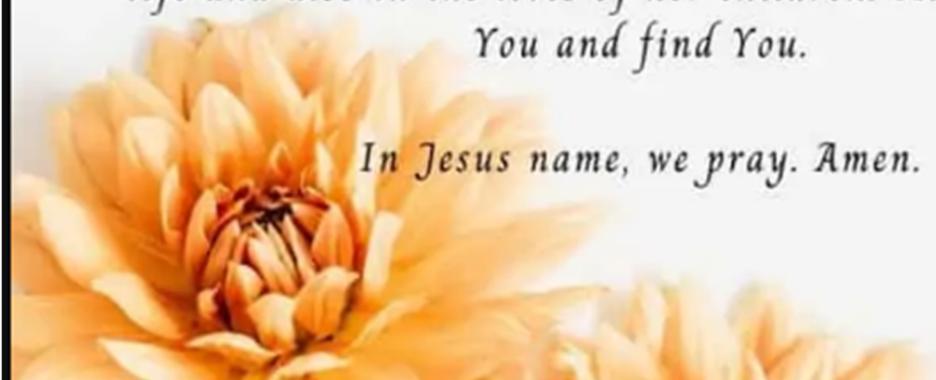
A Mother's Day Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of mothers. May these bearers of life also be bearers of your Word. May they teach and train up their children in the way they should go, so when they are old they will not depart from it (Proverbs 22:6). Even when the children are already grown, help mothers to sow the seeds that will bear the Fruit of Your Spirit. Just as a mother's work is never done, and her prayers for her children will never end. A piece of her heart is always with them.

Lord, we've learned that this huge responsibility is one that has no job description. There's no special college degree, no on-the-job training program. Help each mother to realize that You offer something even better than those things: Your Spirit and Your Word.

May the Holy Spirit guide each mother as she seeks for wisdom. Illuminate the Scriptures for her. Help her encourage her children to honor You. Give her a church family that will come alongside her and show the love of Christ to her and her family. Place godly mentors in her life and also in the lives of her children. May they seek You and find You.

In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.



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MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Robert & Dawn Garcia	5/2
David & Sally Askins	5/9
Ron & Rose Schmidt	5/15
Bob & Sandy Bauer	5/20
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Love is felt,
Lives are changed.*

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