

# 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. 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
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	
Social Concerns	Carmen Bourbois
At Large	Larry Wilson

## Pastor's Newsletter Article

Greetings to all as the summer months start to come to a close. Yes, August is the time that local schools get going again. In the same way, our August is our time of preparing for the fall schedule and the various changes that brings. Most noticeable will be our Rally Sunday, traditionally the last Sunday of August. Rally Sunday is our kickoff for the new year and our last joint service. The following Sunday, we begin our two service schedule and the start up of Sunday School and Adult Class during the traditional service time. Prayers are needed for the Worship Committee and the Education/Youth Committee as they play a lead role at their August 4th meeting in the planning of these renewed events. Prayers are also needed for the council leadership on August 9th at their monthly meeting to coordinate so many other happenings that are on the horizon. Our thanks to all who helped to keep things going during the summer months—from the property upkeep to staffing the office needs to keeping worship going and continuing the Piecemakers' and Neighborhood Food Pantry' ministries, And that doesn't say anything about all the outside groups' programs—Basketball and Volleyball in the gym; NA and AA meetings in Classroom C and the Choir Room; Girl Scout meetings in both the Choir Room and Fellowship Hall; Two over-

night groups that stayed in the LFC, and a third group coming in August; and the list goes on. It wasn't a quiet summer around the campus.....Each year brings newness and change. Our Southwest Texas Synod leaders are eager to work with our RGV Conference churches to increase our ministries and outreach into our communities around us. They will be interacting with us in the next weeks to seriously look at options for shared ministry in the year ahead. That's just one type of change for the new fall schedule. We also have new members coming on board after orientation classes during the summer. They will bring revival and new ideas to our community. We give thanks to God for God's Holy Spirit which continues to guide us into the future and whose Wind blows into our lives and our hearts. Blessings to all on this inviting future. Pastor Steve



Piecemakers are requesting returning Winter Texans to bring back flat sheets (any size preferably cotton) to use for backing for the quilts. Donations from Year-rounders are also welcome. Quilters are meeting on Thursdays now not on Tuesdays until everyone gets back.

#### SCRIP INFORMATION

Scrip orders will be placed on 8/21 for delivery on 8/28/22. You can stop by the office during the week to place your orders or contact Vicki Drews if you have any questions.

#### FINANCIAL SUMMARY JUNE 2022

Income for June was \$21,104 and was more than planned for by +\$3,468. Expenses for June were \$23,356 and were more than the planned expenses by \$2,794. June income of \$21,104 less June expenses of \$23,356 means we took in less money than we spent by -\$2,251.51. YTD income of \$136,397.78 less YTD expenses of \$146,021.29 leaves us with a loss of \$9,623.51. In July we have another group staying at the LFC and have rented out the Fellowship Hall for 2 Saturdays. This will help to bring in added revenue. Thank you all for mailing in or dropping off your donations. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

## *“My name is..... Felix Mendelsohn.”*

It's really exciting to receive an invitation through the mail. It might be an invitation to a birthday party, Christmas party, wedding, or baptism. When we are invited to share special occasions, we are welcomed to embrace the intimate moments of those that we care about. With Jesus offering the most personal invitation to humanity – Himself, we are invited into a relationship with God, but it is up to us to accept the invitation. As we read the first chapter of the gospel of John, we can see how an invitation from Jesus impacted the lives of the early disciples and how it matters for us today. *An invitation story was told as follows.....*

*An organist was practicing one day in a great church in Europe. A man came up to the organ and asked if he could play. The organist looked at him and thought to himself, I really should not let this man play, just look at him, he is unshaven, his clothes are filthy, he looks like a down and out.*

*So, he told the man no. But the unkempt stranger asked again and again. Finally, the organist let him play thinking the stranger would not play very long. The man's fingers danced over the keyboard in a way the organist had not heard in his lifetime. The stranger played on and on and the organist was spellbound.*

*When the stranger got up to leave, the organist could not contain himself, “Who are you, what is your name?” The stranger turned over his shoulder and said, “My name is..... Felix Mendelsohn.” The organist gasped in amazement, and he said to himself, “I almost did not let the master play.” Almost didn't extend an invitation to Felix Mendelsohn.*

**Felix Mendelssohn**, in full **Jakob Ludwig Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy**, (born February 3, 1809, Hamburg, Germany)—died November 4, 1847, Leipzig), German composer, pianist, musical conductor, and teacher. Felix was born of Jewish parents, Abraham and Lea Salomon Mendelssohn, from whom he took his first piano lessons. Though the Mendelssohn family was proud of their ancestry, they considered it desirable in accordance with 19th-century liberal ideas to mark their emancipation from the ghetto by adopting the Christian faith. Accordingly, Felix, together with his brother and two sisters, was baptized in 1816 as a Lutheran. In 1822, when his parents were also baptized, the entire family adopted the surname Bartholdy, following the example of Felix's maternal uncle, who had chosen to adopt the name of a family farm. *(taken from Wikipedia)*

Jesus knows and sees us before we ever consider Him. Even in our sin and doubt, we are loved and noticed by Him. We can bring all our frustrations to Him with confidence. It should bring us to a place of knowing how loved and accepted we are, as while we were at our worst, Christ died for us (**Romans 5:8**) “But God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us.” What a wonderful Savior and Lord we have in Christ. Our mission is to introduce the world over and over again to Jesus. God is Good, God Is Great! Amen.

Submitted by **Wanda Nebiolo**

## **Stewardship of your whole life**

Before you read further, stop and list the top five things you value most in life? Then rank them by importance. Go!

All done?

If you're like most people, your top-five list includes family, health, time, God, friends, job, home or community. Does money even show up? For many of us, it doesn't, and yet most of church talk about "stewardship" involves how we use our gifts of money.

Yes, we are "stewards," or caretakers of the material wealth with which God has blessed us, but we are also responsible for nourishing and cherishing all the OTHER blessings that God has put into our lives. That goes especially for the things we value most.

Now refer back to your top-five list. For each, consider these questions:

Why is this item in the top five?

How well am I caring for this?

Am I treating it as one of the most valuable items in my life? Why or why not?

How could I care even more for this item?

How would God want me to care for this, and why?

How would my life change if I really cherished and nourished this gift?

When we are good stewards of all the blessings and opportunities God gives us, we open our lives to the full joy and potential that God intends for us. How can you be a better steward of what God has given you?

### **Rob Blezard**

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### **General Stewardship Resource Websites**

**[Stewardship of Life Institute](http://www.stewardshipoflife.org)**— Headquartered at United Lutheran Seminary, this site has a trove of resources in areas of congregational and personal stewardship. ([www.stewardshipoflife.org](http://www.stewardshipoflife.org))

**[ELCA Stewardship Resources](http://www.elca.org/stewardship)**— Our denomination's deep well of materials. ([www.elca.org/stewardship](http://www.elca.org/stewardship))

**[Center for Stewardship Leaders](http://faithlead.luthersem.edu/stewardship/)** — Luther Seminary's excellent website. ([faithlead.luthersem.edu/stewardship/](http://faithlead.luthersem.edu/stewardship/))

**[The ELCA Foundation](http://www.elca.org/give/elca-foundation)** a ministry of our denomination. ([www.elca.org/give/elca-foundation](http://www.elca.org/give/elca-foundation))

**[The Episcopal Network for Stewardship](http://www.tens.org/)** — Solid resources! ([www.tens.org/](http://www.tens.org/)).



*Come join us at the  
Rio Grande Conference Event  
to be held at Our Savior Lutheran Church  
(1105 W Fern Ave., McAllen)  
on Saturday, August 20th from  
9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.*

*Where we will gather to get to know each other  
better through  
Sharing a meal, Centering ourselves in prayer  
and the word. And finally  
Worshipping and sharing the Holy Supper as  
the body of Christ.*



Our Keynote speaker is the  
**Reverend Dr. Javier "Jay" Alanis, PhD., JD.**  
former Executive Director of the LSPS, Austin,  
who will be speaking about "Living in Border  
Spaces". He is a native son of San Juan and  
St. John Lutheran church where he is currently  
their pastor.

Please RSVP by August 10th by calling OSLC at 956-631-6121 or Grace Lutheran Church office at 956-423-0314 so that we know how many boxed lunches to order.

Also if you have any special dietary needs, please let us know.

A freewill offering will be taken.

## August 2022

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**If you have not completed the form to update our directory, please contact the church office to give your information, i.e., address, phone number, email. If you are a Winter Texan, please supply your northern—northern address, etc. Because you are important to us, we would like to keep you informed of the happenings here at Our Savior via the newsletter. Please let us know if you are not receiving the newsletter.**

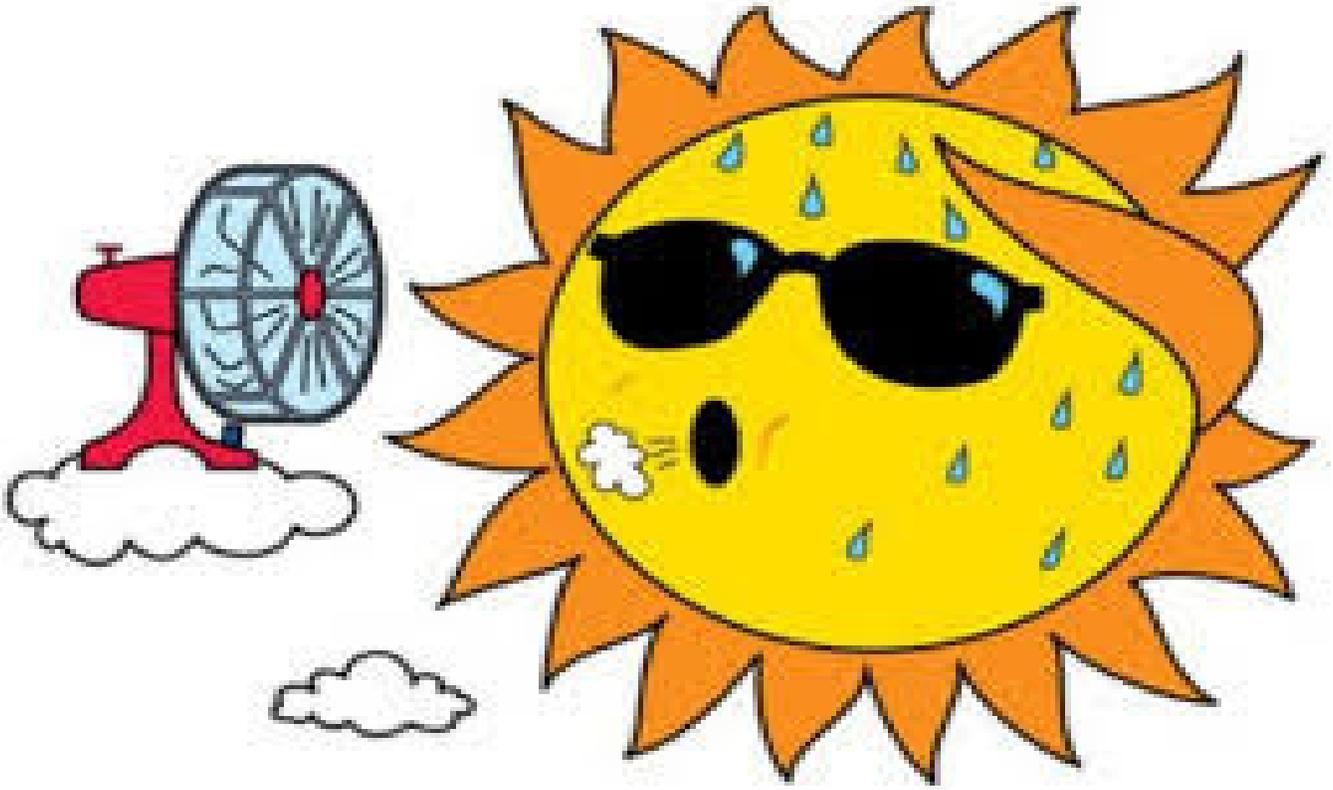
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Love is felt,  
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