

# 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 at 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
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Bell Director	Connie Laumann

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Secretary	Noelia Trevino
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Property	David Bourbois
Stewardship	Zane Juncker
Worship & Music	
Social Concerns	Carmen Bourbois
At Large	Larry Wilson

## Pastor's Newsletter Article

Greetings on this new month! We begin with a bang on Saturday, the 1st, with our annual Animal Blessing in our front courtyard at 11am. We sing, read scripture, pray and bless the animals that are with us. We do this each year on the Saturday near October 4th which is St. Francis of Assisi Day.... The following day, Sunday the 2nd, we receive new member Lois Breckon and associate members Eric and Carolyn Racine as they reaffirm their baptismal vows and join our congregation. Welcome to them and prayers for their future....Also, on the 2nd, following second service, the LOST youth will head over to the Pastor's house for food, fellowship, and swimming ....I will be traveling to Missouri on Oct. 5-10th for my 50th High School Reunion in Sedalia. Angelo Ranaudo will preach and help lead worship in my absence. Thank you, Angelo and welcome back to the Valley! ...The Girl Scouts will be holding their Trunk or Treat Event in our south parking lot on Saturday, the 29th, from 4 to 6pm. All are invited from our congregation and friends to attend....We will be wearing RED again on Reformation Sunday, the 30th, for our two services....Then November and Stewardship month, Stewardship Sunday on the 20th, LOST Bake Sale fundraiser also on the 20th, and Thanksgiving Service on the 23rd....Mark your calendars early. Yes, the schedule

picks up this time of year, and the Winter Texans begin to roll in. It's a great time to praise the Lord and shout out his Hosannas. Invite a friend or two to join you at worship or fellowship.  
Pastor Steve

## **DINNER AND A MOVIE!**

Sign up for dinner and a movie in the narthex. Join us **Tuesday, October 4th** at 5:45pm at Jason's Deli, 4100 N. 2nd Street, McAllen. We will see the film "Oddball" based on a true story at 7pm in the sanctuary.

**The new Australian film Oddball is based on the true story of a Ma-**



**remma dog protecting little penguins on Middle Island in South West Victoria, and now that story is about to be told around the world.**

**Movie was postponed in September as only a few people attended.**

### **SCRIP INFORMATION**

**Scrip orders will be placed on 10/16 for delivery on 10/23/22. You can stop by the office during the week to place your orders or contact Vicki Drews if you have any questions.**

### **FINANCIAL SUMMARY AUGUST 2022**

**Income for August was \$16,916 and was more than planned for by +\$641. Expenses for August were \$22,981 and were more than the planned expenses by \$2,319. August income of \$16,916 less August expenses of \$22,981 means we took in less money than we spent by -\$6,065. YTD income of \$173,822 less YTD expenses of \$189,535 leaves us with a loss of \$15,713. August was strange in that there were 4 Sundays for donations but there were 5 Mondays to write checks. So it was like we had an extra week of expenses not offset by a deposit. Hopefully as the Winter Texans start returning donations will increase and we will be able to minimize our year to date loss. Thank you all for mailing in or dropping off your donations. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!**

## *Basilica of Our Lady of San Juan Del Valle*

Basilica of Our Lady of San Juan Del Valle-National Shrine, 400 N. Virgin de San Juan, San Juan, Texas. For centuries Christians have made pilgrimages with a spiritual purpose to holy places. Here in the Rio Grande Valley, thousands are drawn to this Shrine which is dedicated to Our Lady of San Juan Del Valle.

When out-of-town guests were visiting, we took them to this beautiful Basilica. This is a very impressive place to visit, it welcomes visitors and pilgrims of all faiths. The day we visited, there were approximately 300 poinsettias on the Altar. There is an outdoor fountain of Holy Water for you to draw the Holy Water into containers if you wish. An opportunity to purchase candles and kneel in prayer. Once the candles are lite, they remain in that room until such time when they are placed and remain in a candle holding room until the wax is gone.

*Information taken from their brochure continues* ..... Spanish missionaries had placed a small image of the Immaculate Conception in the church of San Juan de Los Lagos, Mexico upon their arrival here in the 16th Century. In 1623, during the rehearsal for an acrobatic performance, the child of the acrobat, who was part of the act, lost her balance and was killed. The caretaker of the church convinced her parents to place the image of the Virgin Mary over their daughter's body and then prayed for the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary. ***Suddenly the child came back to life.*** Word spread throughout the area and beyond, and devotion to The Virgin of San Juan spread throughout Mexico (including Texas, which was still part of Mexico at the time). An artist in Guadalajara, Mexico was commissioned to make a reproduction of the statue venerated at San Juan de Los Lagos, and this reproduction was first placed in the San Juan chapel while the Basilica was being built. The history of this Marian Shrine begins in 1920, when the Rev. Alfonso Jalbert, O.M.I., built a small wooden chapel in San Juan, Texas as a mission church of St. Margaret Mary Church in Pharr, Texas.

In 1948, Rev. Jose Maria Azpiazu, O.M.I., following the advice of some members of the San Juan Chapel, decided to foster a devotion to Our Lady of San Juan in order to draw the community together. After commissioning an artist in Guadalajara, Mexico, to make a wooden reproduction, the statue arrived in December 1948.

The Shrine, built in 1954, was tragically destroyed in 1970 when a small plane crashed into the Basilica and burst into flames. At the time, there were some 50 priests concelebrating Mass for those, perhaps another 50 in attendance. Miraculously no one was hurt except for the pilot, who was killed in the crash. Apparently, the pilot had deliberately flown the plane into the church. No motive has ever been discovered.

Today, the rebuilt shrine has achieved international recognition and in 1999, Pope John Paul II bestowed its title as Basilica. *Information taken from their brochure.*

GLORY BE TO GOD!

Submitted by *Wanda Nebiolo*



## **CULTIVATING OUR LIFE'S HARVEST**

**Jesus said, "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly." - John 10:10**

**Fall Harvest provides a wonderful analogy for how, as stewards of our lives, we are responsible for making the most of our time on earth.**

**Farmers plant, water, fertilize and harvest, but they do not actually create the life that produces crops. Life comes only from God. Farmers only *manage and optimize* the properties and processes of life that God engineered into their plants.**

**Smart farmers know what soil is best, what fertilizer, and how much water to give each particular plant. By nurturing their plants with care and attention, farmers generate the best and most productive harvests.**

**So it is with us! God created and engineered us to thrive! Our task is to manage and optimize our lives so that we can experience the abundant life that Jesus talks about in John 10:10. We have the rich soil of family, friends, and church community relationships. We have the water of God's Word, love, forgiveness, salvation and grace. We have the fertilizer of wholesome, nourishing food.**

**How can we cultivate our lives? We can:**

- **Water our faith through prayer, worship, scripture, generosity, love and service.**
- **Tend the soil of relationships by loving our families, neighbors, and church community.**
- **Optimize our physical health by eating right, exercising and getting enough sleep.**
- **Nourish our intelligence and wisdom through education, reading, exploring and continually learning.**

**Farmers reap plentiful harvests by caring for plants in ways that God ordained would provide the best growth. By caring for ourselves in ways that God designed for us, we can enjoy that life abundant that Jesus promises.**

**Rob *Bleazard***

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Thanks to all who donated school supplies or gave financial assistance to the God's Work, Our Hand's Project. The items donated were:

**40 Backpacks      3 pkg. of highlighters      6 boxes of markers**

**2 pkg. scissors      52 boxes of crayons      26 rulers**

**14 boxes of colored pencils      13 pkg. of ink pens**

**68 pkg. of notebook paper      18 bottles of glue**

**3 pkg. of construction paper      9 pencil cases**

**11 3-ring paper folders      3 pkg. of Sharpies**

**5 Carry-all Bags      10 Crayon Doodle Pads      2 glitter notebooks**

## **LOST Swim Party**

**LOST Swim Party  
Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>  
at 12:15pm at Pastor  
Steve's house!**



**Not too late to submit your  
faith story!**



# October 2022

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Saturday

## Birthdays - Anniversaries

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<b>16</b> Kailey Kaufman - B	<b>17</b> Jim Bergeson - BD	<b>18</b> Polly Madson -	<b>19</b> Jason Von Roseberg - B	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> Mamae Kueger - B	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Colton Kaufman - B	<b>27</b> Steven French - Bday	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Alie Hies - B Javier Fuentes - B
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**October 1st, 2022**  
**At 11am.**  
**In the Courtyard of**  
**Our Savior Lutheran**  
**Church**  
**1105 W Fern Avenue**  
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*Where God is seen,  
 Love is felt,  
 Lives are changed.*

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