

# 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
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

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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	Sally Askins
Social Concerns	Carmen Bourbois
At Large	Larry Wilson



## Pastor's Newsletter Article

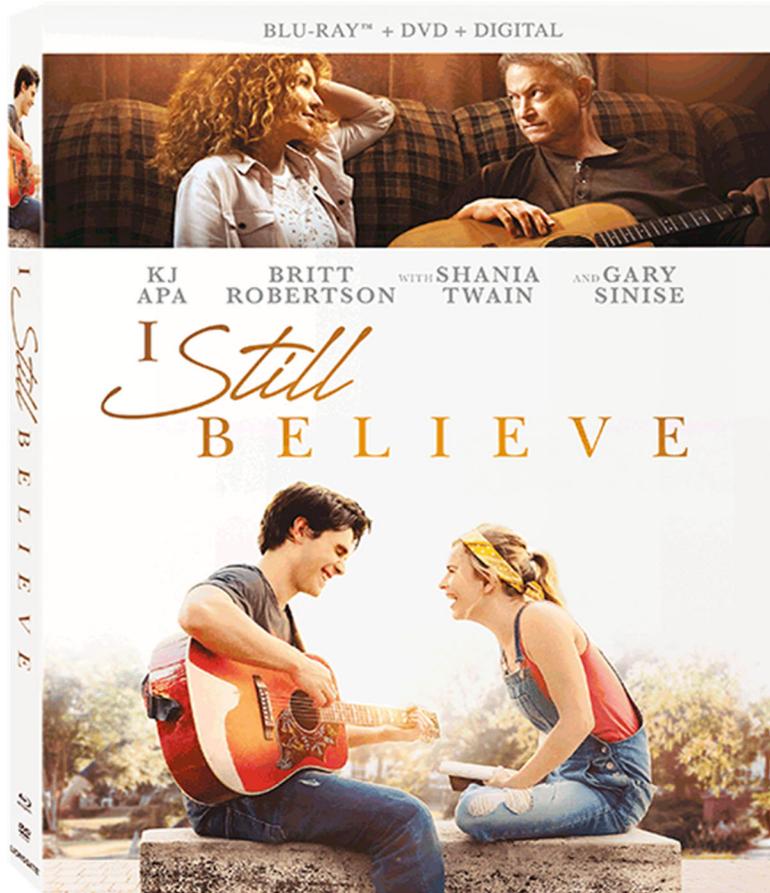
Greetings in Jesus' Name,

November is here and people are arriving for worship. We welcome them with open arms. This month we emphasize that we are Saints and Stewards. We have been set apart by God to be Holy and to be good Stewards of God's creation. We do that as the whole community in Christ. We have been blessed. On the 23rd, we will thank God for all those blessings and renew our calls to follow God's Son in the ways of truth and justice. Thank all of you for your willingness and joy in participating in this congregation on our nation's southern border. It is a unique place in which we live and work and raise our families. We give thanks in song, prayer, and in sharing our gratitude to God with others for placing us in this place. "O when the Saints, go marching in. O when the Saints go marching in. Lord, I want to be in that number when the Saints go marching in!"

Pastor Steve

## DINNER AND A MOVIE!

Sign up for dinner and a movie in the narthex. Join us **Tuesday, November 1st** at 5:45pm at Cowboy Chicken, 1020 W Nolana. We will see the film “I Still Believe” based on a true –life story of Christian music megastar Jeremy Camp at 7pm in the sanctuary.



### SCRIP INFORMATION

Scrip orders will be placed on 11/16 for delivery on 11/23/22. You can stop by the office during the week to place your orders or contact Vicki Drews if you have any questions.

### FINANCIAL SUMMARY SEPTEMBER 2022

Income for September was \$20,282.91 and was more than planned for by +\$423. Expenses for September were \$19,907 and were less than the planned expenses by \$885. September income of \$20,283 less September expenses of \$19,907 means we took in more money than we spent by +\$376. YTD income of \$194,105 less YTD expenses of \$209,442 leaves us with a loss of \$15,337. 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!

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## 'This is what we do' to honor a brother

The one-hour visitation/funeral service began at 10:30 on a Thursday morning in March. By 10:25, folks already were lining up to pay respects. They wore hats and jackets emblazoned with American Legion, Elks and VFW insignias. They were men and women, 20-somethings on up to elders with canes. They filled six pages of the guest book, signing their branch of service along with their names — Navy, Army, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard as well as a group of active military members from a close by military base and members of the local police department also attended. “We’re all veterans, we’re all brothers and sisters.” “No man is left behind. This is what we do.” Said a representative from the Elk’s Lodge.

After the bugler played taps, this young lady who had known this individual ‘as grandfather’ was amazed by the attendance. Her mother had been a nurse and because of her nature of helping people, had offered help to her neighbor, who had no remaining family (the man who the taps had been played). For many years her mother made sure he had food and rides to doctor appointments. As time passed, the ‘grandfather’ was placed in a nursing home after suffering a stroke, and the young lady’s mother had died. This young lady continued to visit ‘grandfather’. This 84-year old veteran died alone. This young lady was the only contact.

At the funeral, the young lady was so overwhelmed when she turned around and the room was filled with a sea of faces. She hadn’t prepared a eulogy as she didn’t think anyone would be there to hear what she had to say. But there they were! Men and women from these Lodges and First Responders. They came because, ***“This is What We Do”***.

Her own father was “a lifer in the Navy,” so she understood the bonds. What happened today goes beyond that, though. It wasn’t just about the military. It was about humanity. “I’m sure there are other people who are buried who have no one coming to their funeral,” she remarked. “Maybe someone will see this and say, ‘We should consider doing this’. That would be wonderful. It meant the world to me.”

She pledged to sift through the guestbook and send thank-you notes to all who attended. There’s at least one person she won’t be able to reach. Befitting the nature of the gathering, where the principle trumped the personal, one signature amidst the list of names said it all. It read, simply, “A. Friend.”

Portions taken from a local newspaper and submitted by Wanda Nebiolo

## **A Budget is a Statement of Faith**

**What does your church's annual budget represent?**

**Is it a proud menu of the hopes, dreams and missionary ministries your congregation wants to accomplish in the year to come?**

**Or is it a life-support prescription for how the congregation expects to pay the staff, keep the lights burning, the staff paid and property maintained?**

**In a workshop when she was stewardship officer for the Episcopal Church, the late Terry Parsons gave this "Devil's Dictionary" definition of a church budget: "It is the means by which we notify the Lord of the limitations we intend to impose on his gifts for the coming year."**

**If we view the budget—and present it to our congregations—as an administrative necessity to ensure proper financial management, then we shouldn't be surprised to wind up with bare-bones measures that are grudgingly funded. If funded at all.**

**But if we present the budget to our congregations as opportunities to invest in the Reign of God and stretch ourselves to see how much we can do with even the nickels and dimes God has given us, then the possibilities increase.**

**In the end, a budget is a statement about how a congregation views the future. Do your people trust that ours is the God of abundance who rewards faithful stewards and will stand behind servants who proclaim the Reign of God? If an outsider looked at your budget, what would he or she conclude about your congregation's faith?**

**And what would be a "God's Dictionary" definition of a church budget? How about, "It is the means by which we make the most of the abundance the Lord is giving us." Hmmm. That will look nice on the cover of the annual report.**

**Rob Blezard**

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## **SALVATION ARMY ANGEL TREE**

**In November, watch for the tree in the narthex for folks in need of a Christmas blessing. Age and sex of the recipient plus needs or wishes, and sizes will be on the tag. Remember to NOT wrap the gifts but put into a bag with the tag attached to the outside of the bag. Date deadline will be announced as to when the bags have to be returned to church for when they will be picked up. If you don't want to shop but want to participate, just write a check addressed to the Salvation Army for any amount you wish to spend and give to Vicki Drews or Diane Patrick. A big thank you in advance for your generosity of those in need!**

**There will be a group going to the Veterans Clinic on Hackberry November 10th at 10am to deliver between 60-80 handmade red, white, and blue Afghans to honor our Veterans. Thank you to all those who participated in this project in any way and to those who took the time to make the afghans! Help support our youth Sunday, November 20th at the LOST Bakesale between services! LOST Lock in is Friday, November 18th.**



Our operating year begins January 2023.

Dear Church Family & Friends: Thank you for your time, talent, and fellowship in the ministry of our church. We feel truly blessed that you are part of this great mission. Let your heart be your guide. Your giving touches many lives, most of all your own, for in giving you find joy and grow in the loving spirit of Christ. We hope you find the suggestions on the other side helpful.

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

**You are  
a blessing!**

## Giving Card 2023

Please Complete:

### "BACK HOME; EXPLORING NEW GIFTS FOR OUR FUTURE" GIVING CARD

With reverence and gratitude for God's  
blessing, my/our estimated giving is:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per \_\_\_\_\_.

Starting: \_\_ Now \_\_ January 2023

Sign \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Freely you have received, freely give. Matt 10:8*

Together we spread the  
Good News through:

- Worship Services
- Christian Education
- Missions & Outreach
- Fellowship & Activities
- New opportunities to serve

### A Forward Step

To sustain God's work

Find your Present weekly  
or monthly giving and,  
if possible, give the  
Suggested amount.

One small step, by all  
who can, will make a  
significant difference.

If Present Giving is not  
shown combine amounts:  
If you now give \$22, find  
\$20 & \$2 under Present  
Giving & add Suggested  
Giving together (\$24.20).

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	Present Giving	Suggested Giving
\$1	.....	\$1.10
2	.....	2.20
3	.....	3.30
4	.....	4.40
5	.....	5.50
10	.....	11.00
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20	.....	22.00
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90	.....	99.00
100	.....	110.00
150	.....	165.00
200	.....	220.00
250	.....	275.00
300	.....	330.00
400	.....	440.00

### A Step of Faith

Growing in the Spirit of Christ

Below, find your weekly or monthly  
Income then move right to the next  
amount higher than present giving.

INCOME	2%	3%	4%	5%	6%	8%	10%
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Giving Thanks

TODAY

TOMORROW

ALWAYS

Happy Thanksgiving



*Lives are changed.*

*Love is felt,*

*Where God is seen,*

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