

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:

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| 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:

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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

The Advent and Christmas seasons overlap this month. It is a great time in the Church Year. We begin anew with our preparation for Christ's Coming. We see that in all the symbols and decorations in the sanctuary during this month of December—the Advent Wreath with candles, the Blue Paraments with the meaning of Hope, the Christmas Tree and its many Crismons, the Nativity Set up front with the baby Jesus wrapped up until Christmas Eve. Yes, it is quite a time for preparation and celebration. He is coming! And He will be here! All in one month.... On Sunday, December 4th, at the 11am service, we baptize Kiley and Kennedy Bearden. Then, those two, along with Zuri Slusser, have their First Communion. They have been preparing for weeks. Now, they will celebrate on that Sunday with the eating and drinking of Christ's body and blood for the forgiveness of their sins.... The LOST go a-caroling on the 11th after second service. Others are welcome to join them. More celebrating! ...We are receiving new and associate members on December 18th at both services. If you would like to join under either category, let me know soon. We are up to five people so far....Then, of course, Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion services on the 24th at 3 and 6pm—the best Celebration of all!....Only one service on Sunday, the 25th, at 9:30am....It doesn't get much better than this at 9:30am....It doesn't get much better than this. - Pastor Steve

DINNER AND A MOVIE!

Sign up for dinner and a movie in the narthex. Join us **Tuesday, December 6th** at 5:45pm at Cornerstone Bakery, 4021 N 10th Street, McAllen. Join us at 7pm in the Sanctuary for the Movie, "A Christmas Love Story". Tony Award-winning Kristin Chenoweth stars as a youth



Choir director who needs to write a big song for a Christmas Eve show. She is distracted from her task when a boy with a golden voice joins her choir, which comes as a surprise to his widowed father, portrayed by Scott Wolf. Stars Kristin Chenoweth, Scott Wolf, Keith Robinson, and Kevin Quinn, and directed by Eric Close.

SCRIP INFORMATION

Scrip orders will be placed on 12/4 & 12/18 for delivery on 12/11 & 12/21. You can stop by the office during the week to place your orders or contact Vicki Drews if you have any questions.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY OCTOBER 2022

Income for October was \$22,099.69 and was less than planned for by -\$1,013.89. Expenses for October were \$22,485 and were more than the planned expenses by -\$1,497.83. October income of \$22,099.69 less October expenses of \$22,484.67 means we took in less money than we spent by -\$384.98. YTD income of \$216,205 less YTD expenses of \$231,927.06 leaves us with a loss of \$15,722. 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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Christmas Carols

Do we get an opportunity to enjoy, and/or sing the famous Christmas Carols/Hymns enough? Advent begins the liturgical new year and is the season (four Sundays) to prepare for the birth of Jesus. Christmas Eve worship services are filled with the joy of this most silent-holy night, little town of Bethlehem, and of Jesus being born in a manger. And then on a low Sunday, meaning the Sunday After Christmas, we sing Christmas Hymns. Depending on the calendar, we may go right into The Epiphany on January 6. Oh no! No more Christmas Hymns. Children who do not attend church services may not get the opportunity to learn these beautiful carols as they are not sung **except** in houses of worship and then most times only during the Sundays between Christmas Eve and Epiphany, **or** by those faithful music directors' homes, or those who host Christmas parties and may have recordings of these wonderful carols. The youngsters get an opportunity if their Pastor and/or Youth Group Leader schedules caroling, or Sunday School Teachers sings carols during class on Sunday mornings. A friend of mine plays her piano nearly every night and the last song is Silent Night before retiring. Another friend, a former choir director, would host a choir member Christmas party each year and they would stop the festivities of the evening to sing carols. By staying true to the theme of the liturgical calendar, means we hold off singing Christmas music/hymns until the Advent season concludes on Christmas Eve. ***Thank you to the clergy who introduce Christmas Hymns during Advent.***

Some of the most popular carols:

O Holy Night -- Placide Cappeau, a wine seller from southern France, was asked by the local parish priest to write a festive poem in 1847 to celebrate the church organ's renovation. Cappeau felt it should be accompanied by music, so approached his friend Adolphe Charles Adams. Adams' text reflects on the birth of Jesus and of humanity's redemption.

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing -- With lyrics written by Charles Wesley, and set to a tune by Mendelssohn, this carol was always going to be one of the most recognizable and popular ones on the list. It's also got a cracking descant.

O Little Town of Bethlehem -- Following a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, Rector Phillips Brooks wrote the text to this hymn after he was inspired by the view of Bethlehem from the hills of Palestine. Three years later in 1871, his church organist Lewis Redner wrote the melody for the local Sunday school children's choir.

Joy to the World -- Rather than celebrating the birth of Christ, the text of this hymn represents Christ's triumphant return. The words, dreamed up by English writer Isaac Watts, are based on the second half of Psalm 98 in the Bible. In the late '90s, it was named the most-published Christmas hymn in North America. You can just feel the merriness pouring out of it.

Away in a Manger -- This late 19th-century carol is hugely popular with children. The melody was originally composed in 1837 by Jonathan E. Spilman, but was later adapted in 1895 by William J Kirkpatrick.

Silent Night -- Originally written in German, 'Stille Nacht' was composed in 1818 by Franz Xaver Gruber with lyrics by Joseph Mohr, and was translated to English in 1859. During the Christmas truce of 1914 during World War I, the carol was sung simultaneously by English and German troops. "Silent Night," it turns out, is not merely the most popular carol; with 733 copyrighted recordings since 1978, it is nearly twice as dominant as "Joy to the World".

Blessings this Christmas and throughout the new year.

Submitted by *Wanda Nebiolo*

Have yourself a Holy little Christmas

The “Christmas season “ seems to begin earlier every year. Some stores had Christmas stuff on the shelves weeks before Halloween. What madness! We go dashing through the stores to the beat of Jingle Bells; and we go “Rockin’ Around the Christmas Tree” until we crash from exhaustion.

Revelry and gift-giving are fine and fun, but if we’re not careful they can snowball out of control. Stewarding a Holy and meaningful Christmas means balancing the commercial with the spiritual. Here are some tips:

Observe Advent: The four weeks before Christmas Day comprise the Advent Season, a time to *prepare* for Christmas through prayer, song, worship, and spiritual disciplines. Lean into the spirit of Advent. Advent devotionals can help (I recommend Richard Rohr’s Preparing for Christmas).

Observe the Christmas season: The church calendar lists the season of Christmas from Dec. 24 to the feast of Epiphany on Jan. 6. Until the 20th century, these 12 days of Christmas were the time for celebration and partying. Make them special in your life and family.

Cut the consumerism: Limit your shopping and spending by setting a strict budget of gifting the people in your life with homemade presents, favors, or ways to spend time together.

Party hardly: For some, Christmas is an excuse to overeat and drink to excess. Moderate your consumption.

Most importantly, pray: Ask God to help you and your family craft a meaningful and joyful Advent and Christmas. Ask God to send you wisdom, resources, and people who can journey through the spiritual season with you.

By carefully stewarding your faith life, Advent and Christmas can be a time for real spiritual growth.

Rob Blezard

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**Come join the Rio Grande Concert Band for their annual Christmas Concert
December 11th at 3pm in the gymnasium at Our Savior Lutheran Church.**



**Join the youth and the LOST group Sunday, December 11th at noon for
Christmas caroling!**



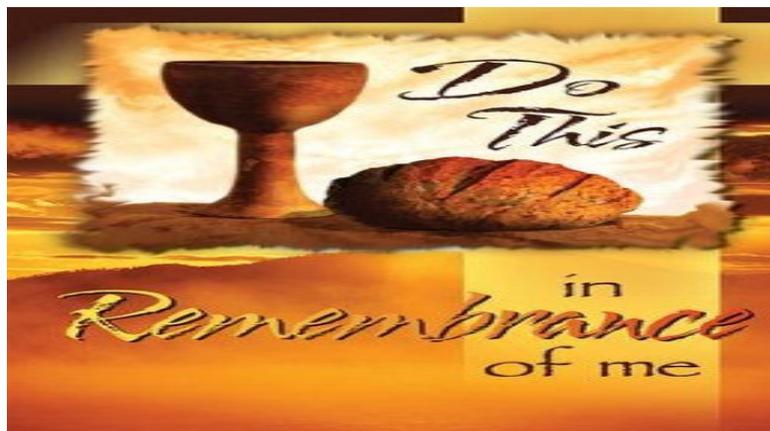
**Our Savior Lutheran Church welcomes you to our Christmas Eve Candlelight
services, December 24th at 3 and 6pm. Worship on Sunday, Christmas Day
will be at 9:30am.**

Use the form on the following page to order Your Christmas Poinsettia now! Put in offering plate with check or money for \$10.00 made out to Our Savior Lutheran Church.



Come Celebrate at the 11pm service with Kiley Rae

Bearden and Kennedy Ryan Bearden as they are baptized 12/4/22 and with Kiley and Kennedy Bearden and Zuri Slusser as they receive their first communion!



Join us Sunday, December 4th for the first Handbell Practice at noon after the 2nd service. All are welcome to play!



POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS

I/We _____ would like to order _____ (how many) poinsettias to decorate the church for the Christmas season. Please make your checks to Our Savior Lutheran Church and mark them for Poinsettias. Each plant is \$10.00. Send your order to the office or place it in the box in the Narthex or in the offering plate.

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

To the Glory of God () Total amount enclosed _____

December 2022

Birthdays - Anniversaries

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