

Our Savior Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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*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

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	Sally Askins
Social Concerns	Carmen Bourbois
At Large	Larry Wilson

Pastor's Newsletter Article

A blessed Epiphany is turning into Lent this coming month of February. After reveling in the epiphany of God in Jesus over these many weeks, we enter the road to Calvary and the Cross on Ash Wednesday, the 22nd of the month. We will have our usual Service of Ashes with Holy Communion at noon and 6:00pm that day. The Wednesdays following leading up to Holy week, we will continue our Midweek dinners and worship at 5:30 and 6:00pm., respectively. As usual, we will ask for volunteers to prepare the meal time. Watch for the opportunity to sign up...In Lent, we focus on Jesus's death and its significance for our life. One persona; note, death is for real for my immediate family as we lost our 38 year old nephew, Matthew, to cancer on Jan. 20th. Matthew, the father of twin boys turned one this past Christmas day, was well loved and active in his Elca church in Baltimore. Thanks to many fishers of people before him, including his parents, he and his wife Julie were blessed to work together in God's Kingdom there in Baltimore for several years. Our prayers go out to Julie and the boys for the life ahead and memories of their husband and father...Prayers of thanksgiving are also appropriate for his congregation and the many ministries of outreach in this Winter Texan season—the Polka service, the garage sale, the piece-maker's gifts of quilting and time, the monthly offering of volunteers and food for our immediate community through our food pantry. Prayers for our council members as

they have their annual retreat on the 10th and the 11th. A special welcome to new members Faith Meurrens, Blanca Olvera, and Lois Breckon. A well-deserved thanks to outgoing members Van Slusser and Paula Cheever. Much of a pastor's work is enabled by the quality of the leadership that assists him or her. I have been blessed many times over by the various leaders of councils in my 17 years here, I thank God for each of you...May the Lord bless and guide all of us in the remainder of this Winter Texan season, Epiphany, and Lent. Pastor Steve



Sign up for dinner and a movie in the narthex. Join us **Tuesday, February 7th** at 5:45pm at Mt. Gatti's Pizza, 4100 N 2nd Street, McAllen. Join us at 7pm in the Sanctuary for the Movie, "Lifemark". David's comfortable world is turned upside down when his birthmother reaches out to him, longing to meet the 18-year-old son she's only held once.

With the encouragement of his adoptive parents, David embarks on a journey of discovery that leads to a staggering truth from his past. From executive producers Kirk Cameron and the Kendrick brothers—creators of War Room and Fireproof—comes Lifemark, Inspired by an incredible true story that celebrates the gift of life.

Inspired by an incredible true story that celebrates the gift of life. Mark found a way so we can show this movie with the subtitles.

SCRIP INFORMATION

Scrip orders will be placed on 2/19 for delivery on 2/26. You can stop by the office during the week to place your orders or contact Vicki Drews if you

FINANCIAL SUMMARY DECEMBER 2022

Income for December was \$35,626.54 and was less than planned for by -\$3,617.85. Expenses for December were \$20,527.27 and were less than the planned expenses by -\$241.69. December income of \$35,626.54 less December expenses of \$20,527.27 means we took in more money than we spent by +\$15,099.27. YTD income of \$272,079.16 less YTD expenses of \$272,043.48 leaves us with a slight gain of \$35.68 for the year. We came into December with a loss and with the increase of donations and with a little help from a gift we were able to end the year with a positive income. Thank You to all of you who made that possible and thank you all for mailing in or dropping off your donations. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

AQUIFERS

Our Savior had a 'hymn-fest' and someone requested hymn number LBW 362 "We Plow the Fields and Scatter". God is the Maker. Amen

We plough the fields and scatter
The good seed on the land,
But it is fed and watered
By God's almighty hand.
He sends the snow in winter,
The warmth to swell the grain,
The breezes and the sunshine,
And soft refreshing rain.

Refrain: All good gifts around us
Are sent from heav'n above;

He only is the Maker
Of all things near and far;
He paints the wayside flower,
He lights the evening star;
The winds and waves obey him,
By him the birds are fed;
Much more to us, his children,
He gives our daily bread. Refrain

We thank you, then, O Father,
For all things bright and good:
The seed-time and the harvest,
Our life, our health, our food;
Accept the gifts we offer
For all thy love imparts,
And what Thou most desirest,

The **Ogallala Aquifer** (*oh-guh-LAH-lah*) is a shallow water table aquifer surrounded by sand, silt, clay, and gravel located beneath the Great Plains in the United States. One of the world's largest aquifers, it underlies an area of approximately 174,000 sq mi in portions of eight states (South Dakota, Nebraska, Wyoming, Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Texas). The depth of the Ogallala varies with the shape of then-prevailing surface, being deepest where it fills ancient valleys and channels. This is vast! By God's Almighty Hand! God is the Maker. Amen!

The **Edwards Aquifer** is one of the most prolific artesian aquifers in the world. Located on the eastern edge of the Edwards Plateau in the U.S. state of Texas, it is the source of drinking water for two million people, and is the primary water supply for agriculture and industry in the aquifer's region. Additionally, the Edwards Aquifer feeds the Comal and San Marcos springs, provides spring flow for recreational and downstream uses in the Nueces, San Antonio, Guadalupe, and San Marcos river basins and is home to several unique and endangered species. By God's Almighty Hand! God is the Maker. Amen!

Taken from Wikapidia and Submitted by Wanda Nebiolo

Ash Wednesday's wake-up call

“Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

With these words from Genesis 3:19 and the swipe of a dirty thumb across our foreheads, Ash Wednesday propels us into Lent with the proper context to understand our lives as stewards of all that God entrusts to us.

Ash Wednesday, which falls on Feb. 22, teaches us that we are mortals, after all. It crushes our ego, dispels our pretensions and drives us deep into God's mysteries: Why are we here? What are our lives all about? What's really important? Pray over these questions and profound insights emerge.

We are dust. *Yes, but we are God's dust. Our body consists of trillions of atoms, each a speck of “dust” created by God billions of years ago. God put us together from the stuff of the universe.*

- *Therefore, we are quite literally “earthy” beings, made of the same material as air, water, soil, and stone. As part of creation, we work to preserve, protect and sustain creation.*
- *Therefore, we have reverence for our bodies, expressed through healthy living.*

We are breath. *We are “dust” into which God has “breathed the Holy breath of Life” (Genesis 2:7).*

- *Therefore, every breath we take is holy, reminding us of God's life force in us.*
- *Therefore, we look to God to align our lives with God's holy realities of peace, love, joy, justice and truth.*

Our time is brief. *Our “dust” will return to the earth someday. We are mortal.*

- *Therefore, every hour every second is sacred. We spend our time wisely, carefully, prayerfully.*
- *Therefore, we do not cling to possessions, knowing that we hold onto them only for a little while.*
- *Therefore, we fill our lives with treasures of lasting value—friendships, trust, love, joy, service, generosity and harmony.*

This Lent, spend time in prayer, with openness and honesty. See how God will turn your heart and mind, transforming you into the person you were created to be. Reflect each day on Ash Wednesday. “Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

- - Rob Blezard

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Youth Bake Sale/Fundraiser!

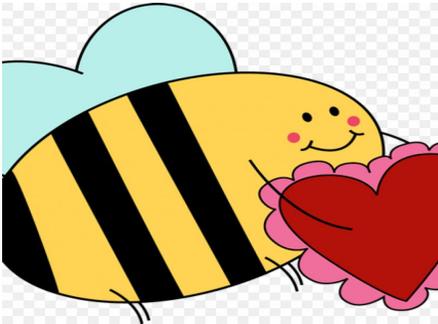
Show your support of our youth by attending their bake sale/fundraiser February 12th between services. Goodies and baked goods will be available for purchase.



Council meeting & Council Retreat
Council meeting is February 10th at
6:30pm.

Council Retreat is February 11th at 9am.
Lunch provided.

**Congratulations to our new Council mem-
bers Lois Breckon, Faith Meurrens, and Blanca Olvera!**



Our Savior Lutheran Church
Annual Golf Tournament
February 26th at 2:30pm

Is at the Monte Cristo Course in
Edinburg , 2919 Kenyon Road. It
costs \$30 for the green fees,
cart, and hamburger/fry/drink meal
and time of fellowship afterwards. If
you would only like to come for the
fellowship and meal, that cost is \$7.



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RUMMAGE SALE

Thank you to everyone who helped out with the rum-
mage sale! Thank you to those that worked tirelessly
setting up the tables, setting up and pricing the items,
those that helped bring in people's donations from the
parking lot. Thanks to all those who donated their treas-
ures and or bought new treasures. And to those who
cleaned up afterwards and put all the tables back, God
bless you! We couldn't have accomplished any of this
without your help so Thank You!



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Join us for the RGV Conference Event held here at OSLC Saturday, February 4th from 9-1 in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch is provided. Speakers are Luis Hernandez of UTRGV & Pastor Katy Mills-Wallace of our Southwestern Texas Synod Staff. Topic is seeking diversity in our congregational life and outreach. Contact the office if you are going so we order you a lunch.

At 1pm., following the Conference Event we will host a celebration of ministry for Pastor Edwin Ortiz and the Valley Metanoia Network. Communion provided.

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Love is felt,
Lives are changed.*

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