

Our Savior Lutheran Church

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Our Savior Lutheran Church

*1105 W. Fern Ave.
McAllen, TX 78501*

***Worship with us every Sun-
day.***

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
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Pianist	John McLeod
Youth Director	Dawn Everson
Bell Director	Connie Laumann

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Property	David Bourbois
Stewardship	Zane Juncker
Worship & Music	Sally Askins
Social Concerns	Carmen Bourbois

Pastor's Newsletter Article June & July

Yes, the summer months have arrived. What a May we had with a baptism, Mother's Day, a First Communion, and two confirmations. It was a fun month to be the Church. With all the celebrations, we also have numerous serious health situations within our membership. God is present in both places—in the highs and in the lows. We give thanks for His presence both now and in eternityMajor happenings in June include: Gaylene Moorehead's memorial on June 3rd at 11am; our first summer potluck together on June 4th after worship; my upcoming hip replacement surgery on June 6th; our VBS on June 5-8th; and summer camp at Chrysalis for eight of our children and youth the week of June 25th....The council has also gone forward and appointed a Transition Team to begin work on a pastoral replacement after June of 2024. I will be turning 70 at that time and planning a move to Houston to be nearer my wife's family. The Synod has granted us permission to begin that work a little earlier than normal. We have seven members in place for that Team, but the council may be looking for a couple more. They will keep you posted on that progress over the next year. It doesn't hurt to start praying for that transition already! Lastly, I pray for all the travel that will transpire over this summer—your safety, your adventures, and your closeness to God. Don't leave God out of your summer plans or

Your work for God's Kingdom. Pastor Steve

We are starting a fundraiser to pay off our mortgage early and to raise money for 2 defibrillators, one for the church and one for the LFC. Please consider making a donation to this fund. The youth will be making a thermometer poster to keep track of our progress. We will have a mortgage burning party once we achieve our goal. If you want to contribute to this fundraiser please write a check to Our Savior Lutheran Church and mark in the bottom left hand corner of the check that it's for mortgage reduction. As of 5/28/23 we have donations totaling \$11,200.00 towards this fundraiser! Our goal is to reach \$23,000. Thank you to all who have contributed!

Any memorials received for Gaylene Moorehead have been designated to be used for maintaining the butterfly garden which she started. Please make out your check to Our Savior Lutheran Church and mark in the memo Gaylene Memorial.

Piecemakers are meeting on Thursday Mornings in the summer months. Any questions, ask Alie Hiles.

SCRIP INFORMATION

Scrip orders will be placed on 6/18 for delivery on 6/25. You can stop by the office during the week to place your orders or contact Vicki Drews if you have any questions.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY APRIL 2023

Income for April was \$25,303.24 and was more than planned for by +\$2,750.42. Expenses for April were \$23,536.68 and were more than the planned expenses by -\$94.50. April income of \$25,303.24 less April expenses of \$23,537 means we took in more money than we spent by +\$1,767. YTD Income for April is \$105,760. YTD Expenses for April is \$109,617. YTD Income of \$105,760 less YTD Expenses of \$109,617 means we took in less money than we spent by - \$3,856.49. Thank you all for mailing in or dropping off your donations. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

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Doctor at the ER

As told by Garth Brooks

The day before Garth Brooks performed at Louisiana State University stadium in April 2022, he was taking questions from the media. The TV audience could not hear the questions being asked but the response to a question was.....

If your child is involved in an auto accident and you get the call that your child is not going to pull through. You rush to the hospital all the time worrying about your child's condition. When you arrive at the hospital and head to the ER, you hear your child's giggle. WOW what is going on here!?! Is this a cruel joke!?!

One of the ER doctor's meets you and says, "your child flat lined twice, and the attending doctor brought your child back to life both times and that doctor who saved your child's life will be stopping by to speak to you."

Just as you hear footsteps coming toward you! Do you care at that point if the doctor is man or woman, black or white, what religion they are, gay or straight, is a man wanting to be a woman or a woman wanting to be a man. NO! That is inclusion! We are all in this together. That is how we should LOVE! Stop passing down the hate, the prejudice, stop now! Let it end with you! We, all of us need to stop these differences and it needs to begin with you (us).

Quote from Brooks.

John 3:16-17 RSV For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

I Corinthians 13:13 RSV So faith, hope, love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

Matthew 6:9-15 RSV Pray then like this: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father also will forgive you, but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Submitted by Wanda Nebiolo



Why God Made Teachers

by Kevin William Huff

When God created teachers,
He gave us special friends
To help us understand His world
And truly comprehend
The beauty and the wonder
Of everything we see,
And become a better person
With each discovery.

When God created teachers,
He gave us special guides
To show us ways in which to grow
So we can all decide
How to live and how to do
What's right instead of wrong,
To lead us so that we can lead
And learn how to be strong.

Why God created teachers,
In His wisdom and His grace,
Was to help us learn to make our world
A better, wiser place.



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Thank you to all our Sunday School Teachers and Helpers! Tonia Herzberg, Jolene Rivas, Jessenia Herzberg, Kathy Herzberg, Monica Valdez, Lois Breckon, Arely Valdez, Edna, Diane Herzberg, Dawn Everson, and Van Slusser.

Stewardship of our bodily health

Paul writes, “Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own?” -2 Corinthians 6:19

God has given each of us a physical body that, like an automobile, is a masterfully engineered, complex vehicle that carries us along our road of life. Like our cars, our bodies need attention and care to function optimally and bring us smoothly down the road of life.

Of course, many of us have health problems for factors beyond our control, such as genetics, environment and misfortune. With so many variables over which we have no control, we need to do our best with the variables we can control.

For June, dedicate yourselves to being a better steward of your body. Here are some ideas:

Get a physical. A doctor can evaluate you and advise you on optimizing your health.

Move it! Even small amounts of exercise improve health and wellbeing. Ask your doctor how to get going.

Diet. Not just eating to lose weight, but also eating for healthy living. Learn about the nutritional value of the foods you now eat, and explore choices that are more healthful.

Stop smoking. The number one preventable health risk, smoking causes cancers, high blood pressure, heart disease, etc. Enough said.

Sleep. Eight hours of shuteye does wonders for body and mind.

Pray and meditate. Spiritual disciplines lower your stress, which improves physical health, too.

God gave us wonderful bodies to carry us through our life’s journey of discipleship. The better we care for it, the more fruitful our journey will be.

--Rob Blezard

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Synod Assembly

The Theme of the Southwest Texas Assembly was *Mientras Tanto* which translates as *Meanwhile*.

In the book of Acts we read of the Conversion of Saul on the road to Damascus which is happening as Phillip is witnessing to the Ethiopian. These two transformations are occurring simultaneously in different locations. Saul is a persecutor of followers of the Way. Ananias is a believer in the Way. Ananias is commanded to go & take a message from God to Saul. Sometimes the least of us are called to go to places where we are afraid. When we are dwelling in one story, we also dwell in the reality that many stories are occurring at the same time, that God's presence is in many places and the Spirit is working with many differing people and within differing communities.

This year's Synod Assembly occurred on two Saturdays, in two locations. The second Saturday was only online on Zoom. It's another reality of the post pandemic world of the church. The emphasis of the assembly was to recognize our different ministries, happening in different places, at the same time. Speakers spoke of becoming a spiritually empowered & radically inclusive Synod, committed to dismantling racism and supporting full inclusion in our congregations. Synod offers training in many areas.

Leadership Development for the laity—stressing more community involvement.

Faith Practices

Anti-Oppression Training

The Holy Fork in the Road—discernment for congregations going through transitions.

Next Year's Synod Assembly will be May 3-5 in Corpus Christi & will hold an election for a new bishop.

Our Southwest Texas Synod is sharing the Gospel and welcoming all. As it struggles to remain relevant in a post-pandemic world, it seeks to renew current churches, create new and inclusive & vibrant ministries, and to discern where God is leading.

Sincerely, Kathy Herzberg

A Father Just Like You

*I just want to let you know
You mean the world to me
Only a heart as dear as yours
Would give so unselfishly*

*The many things you've done
All the times that you were there
Help me know deep down inside
How much you really care*

*Even though I might not say
I appreciate all you do
Richly blessed is how I feel
Having a father just like you*

Happy Father's Day June 18!

*happy
4th
JULY!*

A decorative graphic for the 4th of July. The text "happy 4th JULY!" is written in a stylized, cursive font. "happy" is in blue, "4th" is in red, and "JULY!" is in blue. The text is surrounded by several yellow stars of varying sizes and small blue and red confetti dots scattered around the letters.

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Robert & Karen Olson, June 7
Zane & Judy Juncker, June 8
Chuck & Polly Madson, June 9
Jim Demaree & Marge, June 10
Donald & Diane Calverley, June 15
Curtis & Lois Erickson, June 15
Jim & Helen Bergeson, June 19
Steven & Carol French, June 19
Edward & Lorrie Long, June 19
Mark & Pamela Lukens, June 19
Donald & Marlyce Miller, June 21
David & Carla Kedrowski, June 22
Loel & Connie Laumann, June 22
John & Barbara Christensen, June 26
Manville & Barbara Ayers, June 28
Marshall & Bonnie Baltzer, June 28
Gene & Joann Goede, June 30

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Kathy Bush, June 2
Paul Jensen, June 6
Larry Tonn, June 6
Leanne Hahn, June 8
Brianna Reyes, June 8

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

John & Teri Klein, July 1
Gene & Sue Nielsen, July 7
Loren & Orla Maahs, July 11
Leland & Mardelle Crawford, July 12
Javier & Jeanne Fuentes, July 13
Bennie & Margaret Mueske, July 13
Richard & Wendy Fowler, July 16
Dayle & Ruth Haaland, July 19th
Dennis & Jean Schentzel, July 19
Sam & Michelle Milligan, July 21

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Fred Bretzloff, July 2
John Klein, July 4
Ron Hawkins, July 6
Jean Leith, July 6
Wendy Fowler, July 7
Patrick Hovland, July 7
Jason Milligan, July 7
Delia Sandoval, July 7
Verles Emry, July 8
Karen Olson, July 9
Thomas McCann, July 16
Ben Weitzel, July 16

JUNE BIRTHDAYS CONT.

Damien Slusser, June 8

Diana Marmitt, June 10

Jay Jindra, June 11

Loel Laumann, June 12

Antonia Herzberg, June 13

Talia Fuentes, June 17

Dorothy Case, June 19

Kay Paulson, June 21

Steven Herzberg, June 22

Chuck Madson, June 22

Marshall Baltzer, June 26

Robert Garcia, June 29

Orla Maahs, June 29

Jude Young, June 29

Mardelle Crawford, June 30

JULY BIRTHDAYS CONT.

Jim Bergeson, July 17

Alexander VanHee, July 20

Evelynn Garza, July 24

Carol French, July 27

Ron Jensen, July 27

Fred Varner, July 27

Sue Nielsen, July 28



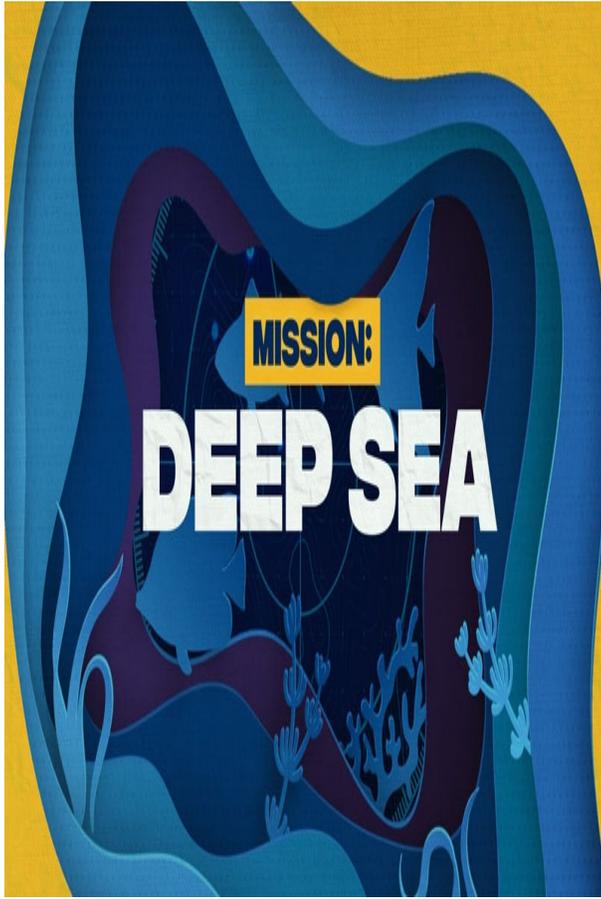
Happy Anniversary and Happy Birthday to all our June and July Anniversaries and Birthdays .

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*Where God is seen,
 Love is felt,
 Lives are changed.*

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