

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 .

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Pastor's Newsletter Article

Rally Sunday's coming (Aug. 28th), or it may be here already when you receive this newsletter! Yes, the fall startup is upon us. This Sunday will be special with our last joint service, backpack blessings, teacher installations, and music from our traditional, contemporary, and youth songs. And then to top it off, a potluck together in the fellowship hall The following Sunday, Sept. 4, we go to two services, start Sunday School classes/Adult Bible Study, and have an infant baptism at the 9:30am service....God's Work Our Hands Sunday (Sept. 11th) will be the following week. This year's project is collecting school supplies for 37 foster children through Upbring/LSS.... On Sunday, the 18th, the LOST Youth will hold their Family Event Time to discuss the plans for the year....It's wonderful to see the startup of our educational programs again—Sunday School for children and youth, adult class, confirmation sessions, and hopefully, HOMBRES, our Men's group, making plans as well. We need to be in God's Word beyond Sunday morning. That can include your private/family devotions at home. Don't forget to pick up a copy of the Our Daily Bread devotionals (September - November) in the narthex....We pray for God's Holy Spirit to descend upon us in this renewal of ministry and service. We are also staying in discussion with the South-

West Texas Synod on the proposal for a Mission Development Center here in the Valley. Conversations have commenced with UTRGV and their social work school regarding student practicum possibilities here in our RGV Conference of Churches and their social ministries....New things are underway. The Spirit blows with the wind of change. Get on board and ride into God's future for this place and all of God's people. Pastor Steve

DINNER AND A MOVIE!

Sign up for dinner and a movie in the narthex. Join us **Tuesday, September 6th** 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 Maremma dog protecting little penguins on Middle Island in South West Victoria, and now that story is about to be told around the world.

SCRIP INFORMATION

Scrip orders will be placed on 9/18 for delivery on 9/25/22. You can stop by the office during the week to place your orders or contact Vicki Drews if you have any questions.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY JULY 2022

Income for July was \$20,509 and was more than planned for by +\$3,427. Expenses for July were \$20,534 and were more than the planned expenses by \$197. July income of \$20,509 less July expenses of \$20,534 means we took in less money than we spent by -\$25. YTD income of \$156,906 less YTD expenses of \$166,555 leaves us with a loss of \$9,648.52. July was a good month— we held our own. Our year to date loss only increased by \$25. 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!

NEVER FORGET! Another 9/11 story.....

The beautiful morning of September 11, 2001 began with not a cloud in the sky. I arrived at work (Hope Lutheran Church and Preschool, Freehold, NJ) that early morning and my routine was to thoroughly check the building, turn on the radio (yes radio, I had one in the office) and make a cup of coffee before turning the computer on and starting the daily tasks. As the preschool children were walking up the sidewalk at approximately 8:45, I heard the radio announcer say, "Oh my goodness a plane has gone into the World Trade Center." ***Thinking a small plane, but NO!*** A few minutes later the announcer was panicking, "Another plane has crashed into the second tower". That is when I ran down the hallway to let the teaching staff know that the Trade Centers had been attacked. Then a few minutes later the announcer continued by reporting a plane went down in Pennsylvania and another hit the Pentagon. The beautiful September morn had turned into panic and worry.

Many Monmouth County homeowners worked at the Trade Centers. One member of Hope Lutheran, ***John***, worked for Cantor Fitzgerald. He called his wife and said "I love you and tell the kids I love them. I am not going to make it out of the building." We learned later that most of the Cantor Fitzgerald team had succumbed that tragic day. Within a few moments the cell phones were not usable. A member of the teaching staff's husband, ***Bruce***, was an electrician in the City and had been assigned a job near the Trade Centers. ***Joyce*** didn't report for duty that morning and our pastor went to her home to spend the day with her as she was unable to contact her husband via cell phone and was frantic. Thankfully, he did arrive home later that day after spending many hours trying to return to Jersey.

A son of another member of Hope, ***Michael***, has told his story of trying to find his way through the ashes from the Trade Centers. He ran and ran toward the Hudson River hoping to get on the ferry leaving the seaport. But then there were many trying to do the same thing. He had to remove his contact lenses as the dust had filtered under the lenses. He ran and ran along with so many individuals trying to escape the ashes and debris.

The father of another member of Hope, ***Joe***, was on the plane that went down in Shanksville, PA that frightful day. It is believed that ***Joe*** and his buddies who were headed for a hunting trip in Colorado, were the passengers who took over the controls of the plane and had it land (crash) into the field in Shanksville. Each year there is a "***Walk with Joe***" held to raise funds for various charities in Monmouth County and to keep ***Joe and his friends*** alive in spirit and to **NEVER FORGET!** Among the 2,753 who died in the twin towers, there were 147 Monmouth County lives lost on that unbelievable morning. There are many more stories from all over the United States especially the tri-state area and they continue to be told over and over again. Many memorials were built to **NEVER FORGET!** Each September 11, (until 2017 when I retired), I would ring the church bell at the times that the towers were hit and the plane crashed in Shanksville, and when the Pentagon was hit by still another plane. **NEVER FORGET!** Written and submitted by **Wanda Nebiolo**

Life stewardship lessons from the Danes

And Jesus said to them, ‘Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.’ - Luke 12:15

The people of Denmark, about six million living in a nation smaller than West Virginia, routinely count among the world’s most contented. This year’s World Happiness Report ranks the Danes No. 2, behind Finland. The United States ranks 19.

What do the Danes know that we don’t?

Several key principles for living explain Danish happiness, Meik Wiking, chief executive officer of the Happiness Research Institute in Copenhagen, told the New York Times:

Decoupling wellbeing from wealth.

Jesus did teach us that our lives do not consist in the abundance of possessions, though our consumer culture relentlessly tells us otherwise. How much happier would Americans be if our culture taught us to be content regardless of our wealth?

Hygge.

This is a Danish term that Wiking describes as “the art of enjoying the simple pleasures in life.” Getting together with friends, enjoying the outdoors, experiencing joy with family, finding peace in your own home—things that are readily at hand, without fuss or expense.

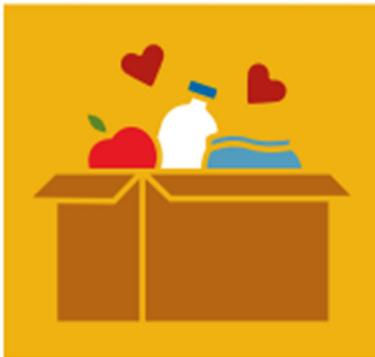
High levels of trust.

Scandinavians tend to trust one another and their institutions. We consider the collective ‘we’ versus ‘me,’” Amy Clotworthy, a professor at the University of Copenhagen, told the Times.

As Christians looking for guidance on how we can be good stewards of our lives, these principles provide inspiration and guidance. How might you incorporate them into your life?

Rob Blezard

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JOIN US
for a
day of service

“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday

Our congregation will soon engage in service work right here in our community. We are one of over 8,900 congregations participating in “God’s work. Our hands.” day of service. Across the country, thousands of members will engage in service work to make a positive change in our communities, build and deepen relationships and share God’s love. Join us as we do God’s work with our hands! Contact us for more information:

Our Savior Lutheran
School Supplies for Upbring Foster Children
Bring your donations by September 11th
Pens, Pencils, Scissors, Glue, Crayons,
Notebook Paper, Backpacks
Contact: Kathy Herzberg



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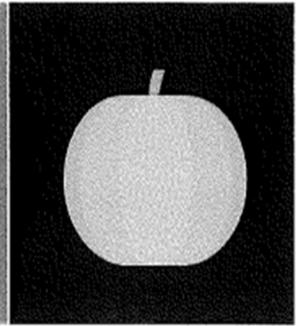
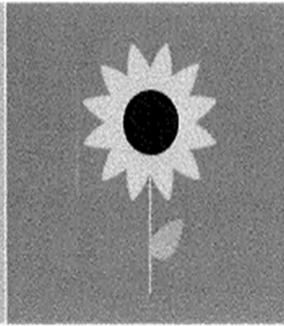
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FALL Festival



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Events

- QUILT SHOW & AUCTION
- CRAFT SHOW
- VIRTUAL 5K
- CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT
- KIDS ACTIVITIES
- FOOD VENDORS
- MUSIC
- PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES

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

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