

# 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

### **Council Members:**

President	Faith Meurrens
Vice President	Angelo Ranaudo
Treasurer	Paula Cheever
Secretary	Noelia Trevino
Fellowship	Blanca Olvera
Evangelism	Angelo Ranaudo
Learning & Youth	Lois Breckon
Property	David Bourbois
Stewardship	Zane Juncker
Worship & Music	Sally Askins
Social Concerns	Carmen Bourbois

## Pastor's Newsletter Article

Greetings in this month of March, As the calendar works out this year, the bulk of Lent falls during this month— including all the Midweek services. Therefore, my words will share the layout of those services: "Sing with All the Saints in Glory: A Lenten Mid-week Series. Lent is a time of renewal. We focus on the death and resurrection of Jesus—and in turn focus on our own death and resurrection found in baptism. We who have been baptized into Christ have died to sin and are righteous saints of God. At the same time, we know that we struggle daily with sin as we seek to follow Jesus. This is the wonderful Lutheran understanding of sinner and saint.

We have a rich calendar of saints in the Lutheran tradition—Christians from every age who have pointed to Christ in their living and dying. In remembering these Christians who have gone before, we find inspiration for our Christian journey. This Lenten mid-week series honors the commemorations that occur during the weeks in Lent in 2023. Commemorating these individuals is a starting point for a deeper engagement with our Christian faith."

Below find our weekly theme and listed speaker for our mid-week Lenten series. Communion is offered at each of these services.

March 1st— Inheritance of Faith Speaker, Angelo Ranaudo

**March 8th Perseverance with Endurance Speaker Rachel San Diego**

**March 15th Faithful in Prayer Speaker Pastor Bill Koeber**

**March 22nd Striving For Justice Speaker Angelo Ranaudo**

**March 29th Dying & Rising With Christ Speaker Lois Breckon**

**Thursday Morning Bible Study Witness at the Cross is our theme this month leading up to Holy Week. The author takes us by the hand and walks with us through the story, pausing alongside each of the characters to see and hear and feel how they individually experienced it, how each one of them was affected by it. Each week we will take a look at different individuals and groups we have, Bystanders and scoffers, the other victims, the soldiers, the beloved disciple, the women, and Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus. The study includes 12-15 video-presentations by Amy-Jill Levine, Professor of NT and Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt University**

**God bless you on your Lenten journey, Pastor Steve**



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#### **SCRIP INFORMATION**

**Scrip orders will be placed on 3/19 for delivery on 3/26. You can stop by the office during the week to place your orders or contact Vicki Drews if you**

#### **FINANCIAL SUMMARY January 2023**

**Income for January was \$31,079 and was more than planned for by -\$7,200. Expenses for January were \$39,385 and were more than the planned expenses by +\$2,067. January income of \$31,079 less January expenses of \$39,385 means we took in less money than we spent by -\$8,306. Most of that is the big deposit we have to make in January for the Insurance which increased by \$10,000 from last year. Thank you all for mailing in or dropping off your donations. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!**

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## ***A SOURCE OF LIFE***

Angelo's sister, Paula has this beautiful 'source of life' story..... Paula's mother, Eileen, died at the age of 31 on March 17, 1961 (Saint Patrick's Day) – a very sad day for Paula and her father, Frank. But what a beautiful day for Eileen to enter her Father's House, Saint Patty's Day, since she was Irish. Paula's father was 48 when she was born. A side note.....Paula's biological older brother was still-born and her mother was told not to get pregnant again.

Angelo, Sr. worked for Public Service and had gone to our house for a gas leak. The person who answered the door was my mother. Angelo, Sr. asked if her husband was Frank. You see, both Frank and Angelo, Sr. knew each other before the war and in the butcher business together at Miller Slaughterhouse, before Paula was born.....

As time went on and at the age of five, Paula's father needed to find a live-in housekeeper to take care of her. In the Spring of 1955, after placing an advertisement in the local paper, he was contacted by a woman, and they traveled to meet this prospect. After the interview and finding out that the individual was in her 80's, her father wondered 'how could she take care of an active five-year-old?' He then went across the street to speak to the neighbor who was working in her yard which happened to be Marion Ranaudo. Frank asked Marion, "Is your husband Angelo?" My father told Marion his need and she said, "I have two girls and a boy, I'll watch her for a couple of weeks."

Well, those two weeks has become 62 years of belonging to the Ranaudo family. "I received the best end of the deal", Paula says warmly. Currently, my brother Angelo, travels all over, but my two sisters, Marion, Tricia, and I live within ten minutes of each other. I have two nieces and two nephews, four great-nieces and three great-nephews. A family of two became a family of 18. The Ranaudo's had two children who died at the age of two from adrenoleukodystrophy a degenerative disease. Mom #2 died at the young age of 58 and Dad #2 was with us until the age of 93. The source of life! Amen! God is Great, Amen!

*For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we wake or sleep we might live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.*

*-- 1 Thessalonians 5:9-11*

*Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.*

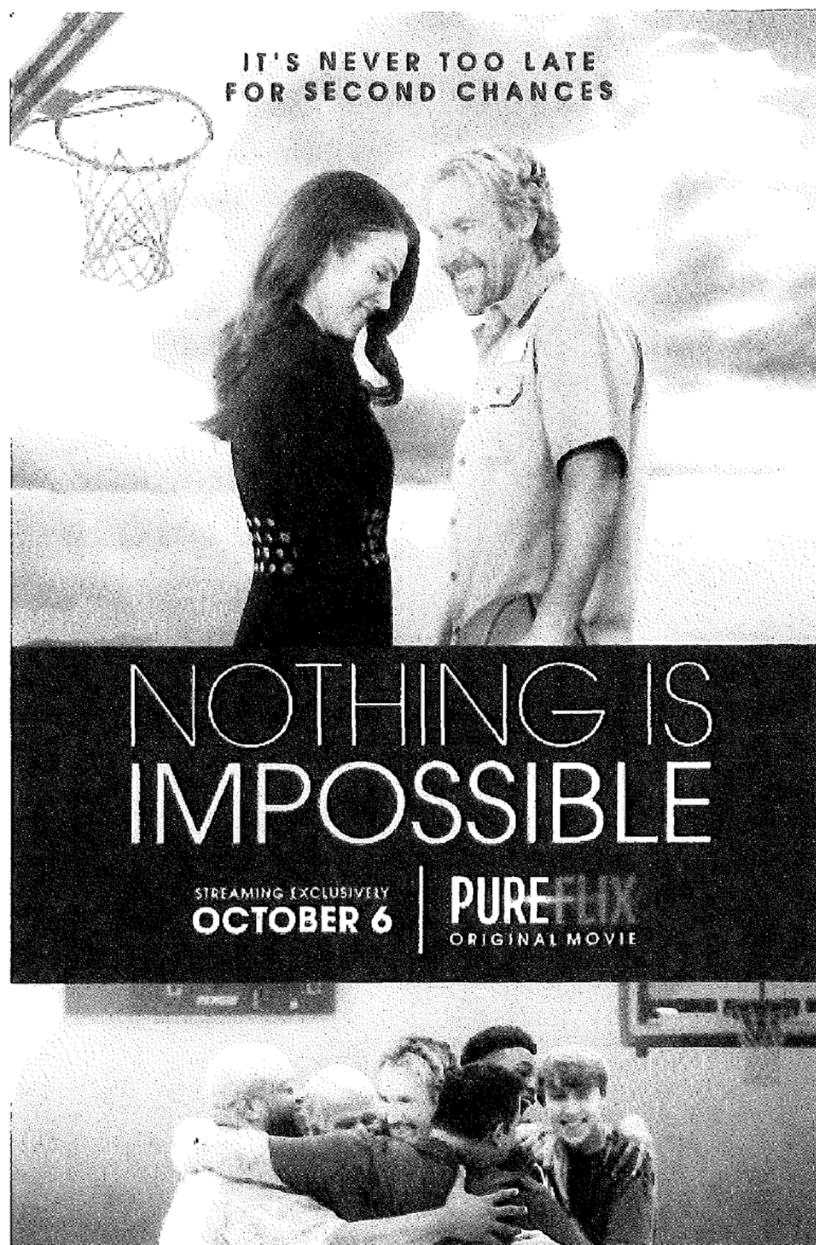
*-- 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

*Submitted by Wanda Nebiolo*

## Dinner & a Movie

Take a center-court seat to a journey of transformation as Scott Beck gets a second chance at life and love. Can he let go of the past pains and open himself to God's purpose? Or will new challenges keep him from the future he always hoped for?

Find out Tuesday, March 7th at Dinner & a Movie. Meet at Cowboy Chicken at 1020 W Nolana at 5:45 and then watch the movie "Nothing is Impossible" at 7pm at OSLC.



Men join Hombres Tuesday, March 21st at 11:00am in the fellowship hall for conversation, donuts, and fellowship.

Piecemakers is raffling off two quilts hanging in Narthex. They will announce the winners around the middle of March. If you haven't purchased a raffle ticket yet see one of the piecemakers and they can sell you a raffle ticket! They are also in need of sheets to use for backing for their quilts. If you have extra sheets you're not using please donate them to the piecemakers.

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.



2/26/2023

Our Savior Lutheran Church

March, 2023

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**Anniversaries of Active Persons**

Active Persons

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>5</b> Bretzloff, Margaret (b.)	<b>6</b> Zuniga, Brandon (b.)	<b>7</b> Warren & Jean Leith (w.) Madson, Howard (b.) Miller, Marlyce (b.) Wadgymer, Susan (b.)	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Long, Rebecca (b.) Salinas, Nikki (b.) Schmidt, Ron (b.)	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> Merkau, Alexander (b.)	<b>13</b> Twait, Della (b.)	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Kedrowski, David (b.)	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Penk, Jenny (b.)	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Hammel, Margaret (b.)	<b>21</b> Richard & Jan Carlson (w.) Weitzel, Frieda (b.)	<b>22</b> Husfeldt, Alson (b.) Ernie & Arvilla Nelson (w.) Pablo & Monica Pena (w.)	<b>23</b> Hovland, Maygan (b.)	<b>24</b> Garcia, Hailey (b.) Garcia, Justin (b.)	<b>25</b> Ron & Mary Jane Jensen (w.) Ronald & Mary Jensen (w.) Lukens, Pamela (b.)
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## Consider percentage-basis giving

No matter how or what amount you give to your congregation, thank you! Your offerings sustain important ministries, and there is no such thing as an inappropriate or inadequate offering.

But if you are among the many who give regularly on a “lump sum” basis, consider giving on a percentage basis instead.

The “lump sum” basis is when donors give a fixed amount – say, \$50 a week – to the church, regardless of what percentage it represents in their annual income. The advantage of lump sum giving is that it’s simple to calculate and keep track of. But lump sum giving reveals little about the generosity behind the gift. For a poorer family, \$50 a week may be significant, whereas it could be a pittance for a wealthy family.

Since the Bible lifts up the principles of sacrificial giving as well as tithing, giving by percentage provides a better measure for giving. Once a family has calculated their gift as a percentage of income, it’s easier to track it and, over time, build up to a tithe. Here’s how to get started with percentage giving:

Calculate your regular offering over the course of the year.

Divide the total yearly offering by your total annual income. This will give you a figure.

Multiply that figure by 100 to determine your percentage giving.

When planning your offering, consider increasing it by 1 percent a year. If you do, in less than 10 years you will be tithing. However you give, thank you for supporting God’s ministries.

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Love is felt,  
Where God is seen,*

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