

# OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

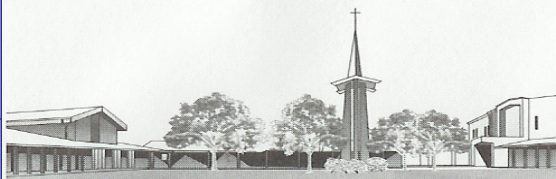
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Our Savior Lutheran Church Living Faith Center

**WORSHIP WITH US EVERY SUNDAY**  
 Traditional at 8:00 and 9:30 AM  
 Contemporary at 11:00 AM  
 Sunday School Classes at 9:30 AM

Communion will be offered on the first and third Sundays of this month.



**TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL POLKA WORSHIP**  
 Sunday, January 27  
 9:30 a.m.  
 In the Sanctuary

Traditional Worship at 8:00 a.m. & Contemporary at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

## OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN STAFF

MINISTERS	ALL PEOPLE OF OSLC
PASTOR	STEVEN HERZBERG
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	VICKI DREWS
	KELLY VANHEE

Financial reports and minutes are available in the Narthex.

## Pastor's Notes

Greetings in the middle of this Advent/Christmas time. Thanks be to our Lord and Savior for His gifts to us of His life, death, and resurrection. The church year calendar lifts up these events in its six seasons beginning with Advent. We are now in the 12 days of Christmas and basking in the Light and Glory of Jesus' birth. Our waiting has been complete. . . . These months of January through March are the busiest time of year for us as a congregation. One sees that in our scheduling of events/happenings – three Sunday services, the continuing of the Spanish service on the first and third Saturdays of each month, the lefse preparations for the Lutefisk Dinner in February, the Talent Show and Dinner on Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>, the congregational meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> after third service, the well-loved Polka worship on the 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am, the garage sale on Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, the Legacy Seminar on Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>. All of

these happenings require volunteer participation from you. Thank you for your willingness to serve in this way. . . . That says nothing of all the volunteer time that goes into the service ministries we participate in – the Piecemakers, Emily's Meals, Sharing and Caring projects in the colonias, gift giving to our own members. You are a generous group of followers of the Baby born on the 25<sup>th</sup>. . . . As Christ gave of Himself, we give of ourselves. The spirit of giving is significant in this season. We were reminded of that in the story of the Poinsettias from Mexico in a recent children's message. We give because God first gave us God's love in Jesus. Then, Jesus gave his all that we might have forgiveness, life, and salvation. . . . All of the above is a lot to be thankful for this Christmas time. Thanks be to God!

Pastor Steve Cell 956-340-0020.

**OSLC 3RD ANNUAL**

**12 January**

**TALENT Night**

**DINNER 5PM / TALENT SHOW 6PM**  
**\$5 ADULTS / \$3 CHILDREN**  
**Our Savior Lutheran Church**  
 1105 W Fern Ave, McAllen, TX 78501  
 Call/text (956) 250-9440 if interested in performing or tickets

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**Healing:** David Almquist, Duane Bagaus, Jim Birkelo, David Bourbois, Sandy Camacho, Pastor Vern Christopherson, Don Dunshree, Lynn Engel, Marsha Erps, Mary Ann Fodness, Noemi Gentry, Cheryl Hawkins, Stan Johannsen, George Mergler, Michael Minor, Jim Offerdahl, Alexa Peña, Russ Powell, Junior & Leslie Trevino, Pastor Sylvia, Irma Shafer, Don Sletner, Shirley Weltzin.

**Friends of Congregation:** Leonard Aitkens, Carrie Askins, Brianna Beasley, Levi Bolton, Tracy Campuzano, Mae Capili, George & Eileen Convery, Cristy Dee, Matt DeWild, Domingo Diaz, Jose Duck, Drew Eckman, Julie Erps, Elsa Flores, Belinda Garcia, Denise Garcia, Karen Garcia, Pat Garcia, Kali Hassebrock, Gene Haynes, Maria Hernandez, Donna Hiltner, Ted Hochenauer, Wyatt Kamp, Barry Kelley, Fidel Monreal, Leann Martens, Mary Louise, John McIntire, Heidi Meerdink, Bob Nelson, Glenn Quizon, Jane Huston Ray, Lola Reslow, Michelle Roby, Alicia Rodriguez, Melissa Rodriguez, Nancy Sandrock, Noah & LaVida, Jean Sahm, Merle Thompson, CarolAnne Todd, Valentin Family, Melody Voss, Phyllis Wells, Anne Worske, Andrew Zezulka.

**In military service:** Justin Garcia, Jason Hiles, Justin Hiles, Brian Hovland, Logan McLaughlin, Ned Long, Christopher Otten, Tyler Watkins Poidinger, Ramiro Sandoval.

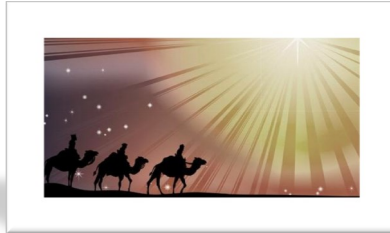
**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AT 9:30 AM** in the LFC.

**SUNDAY ADULT CLASS AT 9:30 AM:** We use the Daily Discipleship study from the ELCA website and meet in LFC.

**THURSDAY ADULT STUDY AT 10:00 AM:** Pastor Steve facilitates the weekday study "Embracing the Prophets," by Walter Brueggeman on confronting today's pharaohs. We meet in the fellowship hall in the Sanctuary building.

**WEDNESDAY EVENING ADULT BIBLE STUDY** meets at 6:30pm in the Library. We'll be studying the Parables. Come join us.

**UNDECORATE the SANCTUARY**  
Saturday, January 5 at 9:00a.m.



**HOMBRES** The first dinner together of the new year will be on Thursday, Jan. 10th at 6:30 p.m. The host will be determined later.

Please sign up in the Narthex. All men are welcome.

**Blood Pressure Clinic**

Mary Lovig will check your blood pressure on Sunday, January 13, from 9-9:30am and from 10:30-11am in the Library of the LFC.

**OSLC Dime Ministry**

Save the dimes you receive in change as reminders of our tithes to God, and bring them the last Sunday of the month. Your dimes will help with Butterflies for the Easter Sunrise Worship.

Lord my God,  
I cried out to You,  
And You healed me.

Psalm 30:2



*Service of Healing*

Tuesday, January 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary, for all in need of healing and comfort.

**TREASURER QUICK SUMMARY**  
**NOVEMBER, 2018:**

Income \$19,709, Actual less than plan but not by much (\$852). Expenses \$18,489, less than budget by -\$1,707 (8%). Income year-to-date is \$240,714, less than plan by -\$10,993 (-4.3%) while expenses are below plan by -\$8,949 at \$243,702, leaving us -\$2,987 short for the year so far. Thank you for your continued support of our ministries.

**"Gratitude and Generosity"**

We want to begin the New Year by saying thank you to all who participated in our annual stewardship drive. Your participation is much appreciated as it helps in our budgeting process. In addition we offer a very special thank you to all those who continue to donate their time and talents throughout the year to keep all our ministries alive and well. Be sure to attend the Annual Meeting for a full report on our ministries, income and expenses. God Bless you all.

**SCRIP NEWS:**

I'd like to take this opportunity to say a big THANK YOU to all of you who have supported our Scrip Gift Card Program. As you know, our next order will be sent in January 6 for delivery on January 13. The church receives a percentage of every gift card you purchase. If you have not been one of our Scrip partners, please see me for any questions you have and consider this unique way of supporting our congregation without spending even one cent of your own hard earned money. Happy New Year! See you in church! Mary Lovig

**DINNER & MOVIE NIGHT TUESDAY, JANUARY 2**  
**5:30 p.m. Dinner at Jason's Deli in McAllen.**  
**7:00p.m. Movie in the Sanctuary.**



The Rev. Dave Hill faces an unexpected setback when his beloved church burns down -- prompting the officials at the adjoining university to try and kick his congregation off campus. Battle lines are quickly drawn between the church and the community as the reverend now finds himself at odds with his longtime friend -- the president of the school. Facing a legal battle, Hill soon seeks help from his estranged brother -- a big-city lawyer and atheist -- in a fight to help rebuild the church.



**Legacy giving for family, ministry seminar to be presented February 17**

# Lutheran Foundation of the Southwest

Everything that we have is a gift that God places in our care during our lifetimes. We each have the privilege, responsibility and joy of being a steward, of caring for loved ones, for God's creation, and also creating gifts for Christian ministry.

As you plan your own legacy that will reflect your faith and values, the Lutheran Foundation of the Southwest is here to assist you. We are here to help you care for your family and benefit Lutheran ministries, as well as your other favorite community and other non-profit organizations.

Lutheran Foundation of the Southwest provides comprehensive gift planning and management, personalized to your goals and your unique family and financial situation. The gifts the foundation receives and stewards are on behalf of other ministries.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church will host a Legacy Giving for Family and Ministry Seminar at 9:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. on Sunday, February 17. Deacon John Dellis, our synod gift planner with the foundation, will be with us to talk about options and possibilities for the future for our congregation.

During the seminar, we'll discuss:

- How to care and provide for family and other loved ones and provide legacy gifts for ministry and other non-profit organizations
- Review options for legacy gift sharing that will bless future generations forever
- That the foundation's services to the members of our congregation are provided at no cost and no obligation.

- JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**
- 2 Judy Juncker
  - 6 Daniel Hovland
  - 6 Sandy Huston
  - 6 Blanca Olvera
  - 13 Marion Platte
  - 17 Dick Rush
  - 18 David Paulson
  - 19 Walt Knaus
  - 20 Mike Hiles
  - 26 Nathaniel Honl
  - 27 Bob Emerick
  - 27 Dawn Everson
  - 27 Waldo Platte
  - 28 Louise Chase
  - 29 Irene Earl
  - 30 Bennie Mueske
  - 31 Evelyn Bone
  - 31 Zuri Slusser
  - 31 Lynne Watkins



- JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES**
- 1 Norm & Betty Frey
  - 24 Don & Judy Peterson
  - 30 Joel & Jenny Penk

**2019 Offering envelopes** are in the Narthex. Note that your envelope number is on the label with your name. Please write your number on your envelopes as you use them.  
**If you need a box, or if you don't need a box this year, please tell Sue.**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>JANUARY</b>	New Year's Day 1 Office Closed	2 6:30pm Confirmation 6:30pm Bible Study 6:30pm Choir 7:30pm Praise Team	3 10:00am Adult Class 5:30pm Dinner 7:00pm Movie 5:30pm Worship&Music 7:00pm Learn & Youth	4	5 9:00am Undecorate  5:00pm Spanish Service
Epiphany 6 8:00am Communion 9:30am Communion 9:30am Sunday School 10:00am Communion		7	8 8:30am Piecemakers  6:30pm Council	9 6:30pm Confirmation 6:30pm Bible Study 6:30pm Choir 7:30pm Praise Team	10 10:00am Adult Class  6:30pm HOMBRES	11
Baptism of Our Lord 13 8:00am Worship 9:30am Worship 9:30am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	14	15 9:00am Piecemakers 1:00pm Ladies Cards 6:30pm Healing Service	16 6:30pm Confirmation 6:30pm Bible Study 6:30pm Choir 7:30pm Praise Team	17 10:00am Adult Class	18	19 5:00pm Spanish Service
2nd Epiphany 20 8:00am Communion 9:30am Communion 9:30am Sunday School 11:00am Communion 12:15am Annual Meeting	21 12:00pm NEWSLETTER DEADLINE for Feb. articles	22 8:30am Piecemakers	23 6:30pm Confirmation 6:30pm Bible Study 6:30pm Choir 7:30pm Praise Team	24 10:00am Adult Class	25	26 9-10am Pantry
3rd Epiphany 27 8:00am Worship 9:30am Polka Worship 9:30am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	28	29 8:30am Piecemakers	30 6:30pm Confirmation 6:30pm Bible Study 6:30pm Choir 7:30pm Praise Team	31 9:00am Meatballs 10:00am Adult Class	SCRIP ORDERS taken on Jan. 6 for delivery Jan. 13	Sharing and Caring Items: 1/6: Oil, Pinto Beans, Rice 1/20: Neighborhood Pantry Items

**SHARING AND CARING**

**CARING & SHARING:** A special thank you to all who donated so generously in December to the Pantry and Las Milpas. We are helping families at Our Savior's Neighborhood Food Pantry with food, and many other donated items to help make Christmas brighter and Cristo Rey Lutheran Church in Las Milpas also distributed food and supplies from us. For Jan. 6, please bring **OIL, PINTO BEANS & RICE**. For the monthly **Neighborhood Food Pantry**, the following items are needed for each bag: 1 lb. pinto beans, 1 lb. rice, 3 cans vegetables, 2 cans tomatoes, 2 cans fruit, 1 qt. shelf milk, 2 pkgs. Mac & Cheese. Please bring in one item in bulk or an entire bag, if you wish, on Sunday, Jan. 20. You may also donate money and designate Food Pantry. Distribution of food bags will be on Jan. 26 from 9:00 to 10:00am. God's love is spread through you, to you and from you.

**PIECEMAKERS:** Again in 2018, we gave all of the quilts made during the year away and are working on making more. Join us on Tuesdays at 8:30 a.m., and bring your lunch. **God's Work, Our Hands**

**Our Savior Lutheran Church  
Annual Meeting of the Congregation  
Sunday, January 20 at 12:15 p.m.  
in the Sanctuary**

Agenda items for the meeting can be added before then by talking to President Jason Milligan. Reports will be available Jan. 13.



**13th Annual Lutefisk  
Dinner!**

**Saturday, February 2, 2019**

Tickets are \$19.00 each. See Terri Jensen or call the church office.

We'll be making lefse, peeling potatoes, and making meatballs, so sign up! Many volunteers are needed each year to offer this special meal.



**RUMMAGE SALE**

**FEBRUARY 8 & 9, 2019**

Mark your calendars. Clean out your closets and start gathering your stuff. You may start bringing items on Tuesdays in the morning, or for larger items, come the week of the sale.



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

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