

OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

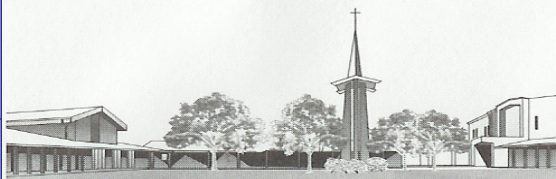
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Our Savior Lutheran Church Living Faith Center

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.



Wednesdays in Lent:

Lenten Meal
5:00 p.m.
 Lenten Service
6:00 p.m.
March 7, 14, & 21
 Maundy Thursday
 Mar. 29, 6:00 p.m.
 Good Friday Mar. 30
 noon & 6:00 p.m.

OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN STAFF

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PASTOR	STEVEN HERZBERG
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Financial reports and minutes are available in the Narthex.

Pastor's Notes

We have entered the Lenten season and all its meaning as we progress toward Easter and the Resurrection. But we don't get there without going through the Cross. Both our Sunday morning texts and Wednesday evening worship services will highlight various aspects of our Lenten Journey. May you participate in those opportunities for reflection and prayer. Our Ash Wednesday challenge lifted up the disciplines of Lent – repentance, fasting, prayer, and works of love. These help us in our journeys to Jerusalem and Jesus' death and resurrection. . . .

We are happy to host another golf outing on the first Sunday of March at Monte Cristo in Edinburg. It is a time of fellowship and fun. Know you are invited to join us. Invite a friend. . . .

LEAD continues its work on the Missionary River project as it completes the Congregational Assessment

with all of you. Hopefully, many of you have participated in that and will be open to take a congregational survey in another month or so. Both are part of the Listening to the Congregation process. If you are headed back to the North before the survey is distributed, we will include copies in a future newsletter. Make sure you have your northern address for us to send it to. . . .

The last week of March is Holy Week with Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday to begin a new season. It is always a very special time in the life of churches everywhere. Please include those events in your calendar wherever you are at that time. . . .

We are thankful for a God who loves His creation so much that He comes down to us in Jesus. And keeps coming in His Holy Spirit to make our lives new and a blessing

to the world around us. . . . Blessings on your Lenten Journeys! Pastor Steve Cell 956-340-0020.

GOLF OUTING: We are joining together again for another Golf Outing at Monte Cristo Golf & Country Club, 2919 N. Kenyon Road in Edinburg. We will tee off at 2:00pm on Sunday, March 4th. \$20 per person includes nine holes and a meal for more fellowship. If you would like to just join the meal, that cost is \$7.50. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the Narthex. Fees are paid at the Pro Shop on that Sunday. We'd love to see you there!



Service of Healing

Tuesday, March 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary, for all in need of healing and comfort.



HOMBRES Thursday, Feb. 8
 We'll meet in the home of Jim Oferdahl, 410 Virgo, Mission, 956-566-4422, at 6:30 p.m. Please sign up in the Narthex. All men are welcome.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Healing: Duane Bagaus, David Bourbois, Nessa Brooks, Louise Chase, Barbara Christensen, Matthew Dart, Lena Doering, Don Dunshee, Bruce Eason, Marsha Erps, Ralland Harrison, Loel Laumann, Verna Losoya, Al Marsh, Bob & Kay McLaughlin, Jim Offerdahl, Alexa Peña, Pastor Sylvia, Irma Shafer, Fred Thunhorst, Sally Vissering, Carlos Wadymar, Frank Zezulka. **Family Members:** Norma Bilunas, Werner Doering. **Friends of Congregation:** Rene Anliker, Carrie Askins, Richard Auen, Brianna Beasley, Levi Bolton, George Convery, Cristy Dee, Ashley Delgado, Julie Erps, Belinda Garcia, Denise Garcia, Pat Garcia, Kali Hassebrock, Addy Haynes, MaryBeth Heikes, Donna Hiltner, Ted Hochenauer, Wyatt Kamp, Barry Kelley, Stacene Maroushek, John McIntire, Heidi Meerdink, Kellie Meyers, Glenn Quizon, Lola Reslow, Melissa Rodriguez, Nancy Sandrock, Merle Thompson, Julie Traina, Andrew Zezulka. **In military service:** Justin Garcia, Brian Hovland, Logan McLaughlin, Christopher Otten, Ramiro Sandoval, Michael Winter.

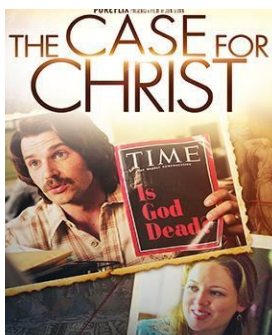
SCRIP NEWS: The order will be taken March 25 for delivery on April 1. Please see me for any questions you have. Mary Lovig

Blood Pressure Clinic

Mary Lovig will check your blood pressure on Sunday, March 11, from 9-9:30 a.m. and from 10:30-11:00 in the Library of the LFC.

**Dinner & Movie Night
TUESDAY, March 6**

5:30 p.m. Dinner at
Cowboy Chicken on Nolana in
McAllen.
7:00p.m. Movie in the Sanctuary.



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

SUNDAY ADULT CLASS AT 9:30 AM: We will be taking a closer look at the Gospel lessons for the Sundays. We meet in classroom C.

THURSDAY ADULT STUDY AT 10:00 AM: Pastor Steve facilitates the weekday study "We Must Plant the Church." In the Parish Hall in the Sanctuary building.

WEDNESDAY EVENING ADULT BIBLE STUDY meets at 7:00pm in the Library after the Lenten Service. We are using the study that accompanies our Lenten series, "Thy Will Be Done." Come join us.

Missional River-LEAD

THE TUNE IN PROCESS

Calling people of faith into the neighborhood and world

- Listen to God in scripture, in prayer, in the congregation, and in the neighborhood
- Shift from inward to outward focus
- Launch experiments with new learnings

The Tune In Process is a program undertaken by a congregation to listen to God in scripture and prayer, in the congregation, and out in the neighborhood. A Listening Team guides the process which includes periods of active listening followed by reflection. Regardless of size or geographic context, congregations can utilize the plan to breathe new life into their ministries and deepen their connection to the neighborhood as they follow the Holy Spirit's call.

Your LEAD team is continuing to meet several times monthly. We are focusing on Listening to God in Scripture and Prayer. We are also Listening to God in the Congregation.

We will be getting the feedback from the Congregational Assessment to help us determine our Leadership Landscape. LEAD has discovered that congregations generally find themselves in one of four quadrants: Growing, Becoming, Out of Breath or Stalled. Each of these quadrants has different characteristics that describe congregational and leadership behavior. These behaviors are related to a congregation's faith practices, its willingness to innovate, its connection to its neighborhood, and its understanding of purpose.

Knowing where our congregation lies on the Leadership Landscape helps make a plan to grow. We will be giving the congregation an assessment during worship Feb. 25. You can also take the assessment online www.waytolead.org Then go to the RESOURCES tab. Click on it and scroll down to Congregational Assessment. On the right side - click on the box that reads - Step 2. Take Assessment Everyone. Then enter the password - Assessment-cong. What we hope to accomplish with this assessment is to get an idea of where the congregation is focused in order to proceed down the Missional River in the best manner. Peace, LEAD Team

Treasurer Quick Summary January, 2018: Income \$26,251, Actual less than plan by -\$7,268 (-22%). Expenses \$28,552, lower than budget by \$1,475 (-5%). Income ended less than plan by \$7,268; donations were lower than plan and other income also. Expenses for the month were lower than budgeted, but still were over the income by -\$2,301.

PREPARE THE WAY! Come to help set up the Sanctuary for Easter on Saturday, March 31 at 9:00am. You can also purchase a lily for \$7.00 or help pay for the flowers to fill the living cross, which cost about \$120.

EASTER LILY AND EASTER CROSS ORDER FORM

I/We _____ would like to order _____ (how many) **Lilies** to decorate the church. Please make checks to Our Savior Lutheran Church and mark them Lilies. Each plant is \$7.00. Send your order slip to the office or place it in the box in the Narthex marked Lilies and Cross Flowers.

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

To the Glory of God ()

And a donation toward flowers for Easter Cross \$ _____ Cross flowers and lilies may be taken home Easter Sunday. Total amount enclosed _____



Jottings from Janet

Greetings to all, may the peace of the Lord accompany you and yours on your Lenten journey. Let us all to remember that it is not about us but about God and His promises to care for us. "Thy Will be done" the theme of our Lenten messages, serves as a reminder to us all Of who is really in charge.

On Tuesday March 6 we have dinner and a movie starting at 5:30 at Cowboy Chicken for dinner. The movie will be "The Case for Christ" beginning at 7 PM. All are welcome but please sign up so I can let the restaurant know how many are coming. This is truly an opportunity to get to know each other better.

On Saturday March 17th we will have out 2nd annual "Share you Faith Dinner and Talent Show." I am looking for talent for the show so let me know as soon as possible if you can participate. I am especially looking for a dancer or dancers who could do an Irish jig since it is St Patrick 's Day. Sign up to participate in the Talent Show or help with dinner. Then of course we need lots of people to come to the dinner and show to support those have put their talents out there for our enjoyment. Cost for the dinner and show is \$5.00.

Healing Services continue each month on the 3rd Tuesday at 6:30. This is an opportunity to come close and put His healing hand on you, hear your need, comfort and console you. All are welcome to the March Healing service on 3-20-18 at 6:30.

Our Wednesday night Bible Study group is doing a Lenten devotion called "Thy Will be Done". All are welcome to join us as this study works with the weekly Lenten worship series.

A special thanks to this wonderful congregation who have prayed for me when I had my eye surgery. I am pleased to report that my eye is doing well, the new cornea is now at home in my eye and at my last visit I could see the big E. Praise the Lord. In His name, Janet



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Jim Birkelo
- 2 Arlys Husfeldt
- 6 Base Huston
- 6 Brandon Zuniga
- 7 Sue Wadgymer
- 8 Russ Sandry
- 10 Rebecca Long
- 10 Nikki Salinas
- 12 Jack Wittcamp
- 14 Betty Frey
- 17 Jenny Penk
- 18 Meghan Campos
- 20 Margaret Hammel
- 22 David Almqvist
- 22 Al Husfeldt
- 23 Maygan Hovland
- 24 Hailey Garcia
- 24 Justin Garcia
- 25 Norm Frey
- 25 Nina Long
- 31 Judy Keefe



ANNIVERSARIES

- 6 Maynard & Fern Kreidler
- 22 Pablo & Monica Peña

Don't forget to direct Choice Dollars® We are excited to share, based on member recommendations, Our Savior Lutheran Church received \$3,680 in charitable outreach funding in 2017. Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have Choice Dollars available have until **March 31, 2018**, to direct any remaining 2017 Choice Dollars. Help support Our Savior Lutheran Church and our many ministries. Go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice to learn more. Or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>March</i>	SCRIP ORDERS taken on Mar. 25	Sharing & Caring Items: 2/4: Cereal & shelf Milk 2/18: Pantry Items		1 10:00am Adult Class 5:30pm Worship&Music 6:30pm Learn & Youth	2	3 3/3-10: U of Virginia in LFC
3 rd Lent 4 8:00am Communion 9:30am Communion 9:30am Sunday School 11:00am Communion 2:00pm Golf Outing	5 10:00am Stephen Ministry 6:30pm Bell Choir	6 8:30am Piecemakers 1:00pm Ladies Cards 5:30pm Cowboy Chicken 7:00pm Movie	7 5:00pm Meal 6:00pm Service 7:00pm Conf. & Choir, & Bible Study 8:00pm Praise Team	8 10:00am Adult Class 6:30pm HOMBRES	9	10
4 th Lent 11 Daylight Savings begins 8:00am Worship 9 & 10:30 Blood Pressure 9:30am Worship 9:30am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	12 6:30pm Bell Choir	13 9:00am Piecemakers	14 5:00pm Meal 6:00pm Service 7:00pm Conf. & Choir, & Bible Study 8:00pm Praise Team	15 10:00am Adult Class	16	17 4:00pm Dinner 5:00pm Talent Show
5 th Lent 18 8:00am Communion 9:30am Communion 9:30am Sunday School 11:00am Communion	19 President's Day 10:00am StephenMin 12:00pm NEWSLETTER DEADLINE for April articles 6:30pm Bell Choir	20 8:30am Piecemakers 1:00pm Ladies Cards 6:30pm Healing Service	21 5:00pm Meal 6:00pm Service 7:00pm Conf. & Choir, & Bible Study 8:00pm Praise Team	22 10:00am Adult Class	23	24 9-10am Pantry
Palm Sunday 25 8:00am Worship 9:30am Worship 9:30am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	26 6:30pm Bell Choir	27 8:30am Piecemakers	28 6:30pm Confirmation 6:30pm Bible Study 6:30pm Choir 7:30pm Praise Team	Maundy Thursday 29 10:00am Adult Class 6:00pm Service	Good Friday 30 12:00pm Service 6:00pm Service	31 9:00am Easter set-up

CARING & SHARING: For Mar. 4, please bring **CANNED MEAT & CANNED FRUIT**. For the monthly **Neighborhood Food Pantry**, the following items are needed: 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 on Sunday, March 18. Distribution of food bags will be on March 24 from 9:00 to 10:00am. Sharing & Caring is also asking for donations of material & sewing notions for a sewing class through La Frontera for the colonias that we help support.

PIECEMAKERS: In 2003, the first year we began making quilts, we gave away 51. Since then we have given between 88 and 466(!) quilts every year for a grand total of 4,523 quilts donated. We've given to needy children through our local schools, to the Salvation Army, to fire victims, and through Pastor & Janet to families in need in our neighborhood. We also give to our graduates here at church and to those that are baptized here. And we provided a quilt for a door prize at the Talent Show. We thank God for the talent and willing hands that have provided about 1600 hours of labor and for the fabric and supplies that have been donated for our work. Join us on Tuesdays at 8:30 a.m., and bring your lunch. Many hands and different skills are needed.

God's Work, Our Hands

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. For the first quarter of 2018, your dimes will help with the Easter Sunrise Service expenses. Thank you all.

I AM A CHURCH MEMBER...This membership is a gift. When I received the free gift of salvation through Jesus Christ, I became a part of the body of Christ. I soon thereafter identified with a local body and was baptized. And now I am humbled and honored to serve and to love others in our church. I pray that I will never take my membership for granted, but see it as a gift and an opportunity to serve others and to be a part of something so much greater than any one person or member.



2nd Annual SPAGHETTI DINNER & SHARE YOUR FAITH TALENT SHOW

Saturday, March 17th
 4:00 pm Dinner; 5:00 pm Talent Show
 Tickets are \$5.00 each, children & school kids \$2.00. Please call the office. Sign up to help with the meal and/or to share your talent.
 The Evangelism Committee.



Performers wanted. Call us.

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

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