

OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA



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Our Savior Lutheran Church Living Faith Center

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

Communion will be offered on the first, second, and third Sunday of this month.

no services until after April 5th



OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN STAFF

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Financial reports and minutes are available in the Narthex.

Pastor's Notes

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior,

This month's newsletter reflections come after a whirlwind of changes in who we are and how we daily live our lives in the months ahead. It is most definitely a time where we turn to the Lord and pray for guidance on our daily decisions. "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want." We need to believe and trust the promises of God. At times like this, our faith in Christ and His Body, the church, becomes more important than ever. . . . As a church council, we met and agreed that all public worship services should be suspended immediately for now. We will reevaluate that stance before Palm Sunday and Holy Week on April 5th. In the meantime, we will be beginning online worship services by March 22nd if all goes well. For now, we would like to put them on the church's facebook page – Our Savior Lutheran – ELCA. We will have to see if we can figure out how to get them on the website or not. There would be many ways to watch them – with family, with friends, individually, at different times. Watch the facebook page or website for the latest details, or call into the church office. We will be keeping our regular office hours for the time being – Monday through Friday, 9am till 2pm. We encourage you to send in your regular offerings through the mail or in person. We would like to keep all our staff in place for the immediate time and obviously reevaluate that situation as we go forward. Your consistency in sending in your offerings is all important in that regard. . . . Some 10 or less gatherings are still in place, such as the Thursday morning bible study and the Tuesday morning quilter's group. The Neighborhood Food Pantry will distribute pre-filled packages outside the sanctuary. All the outside groups have been asked to shut down their services until further notice. Sonia will do her best to keep our building spaces sanitized and clean. . . . We take each day one at a time with the changing recommendations/orders from the National, State, and Local governments. How we do church will have to adapt to these realities. One suggestion has been to encourage small gatherings of less than ten in your homes for bible study and prayer. That would seem to be most conducive to our seniors in your individual parks where several of you live. We can provide appropriate material to you for those gatherings of study, prayer, and fellowship – a lot like the early churches that met in individual homes. We need to be creative in this time as we go forward trusting in God and having hope for a better future. Do not hesitate to call me with your individual needs and ideas in the days/weeks/ months ahead. "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long." Pastor Steve (Cell 956-340-0020)

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Healing: Arlys Husfeldt, Vi Greenwald, Fern Kreidler, Karen Simonson, Phyllis Sandry, Marsha Erps, Judy Keefe, Donna Knaus, Dan Muerrens.

Friends of Congregation: Jerry Parker, Larry Lofts, Melissa Herrera, Criselda Castillo, Tom Burchett, Drew Eckman, Jim Everson, Carol Campos, Bobbie Everson

In military service: Nicholas Fodness, Jason Hiles, Tyler Watkins Poidinger, Melinda Sandry Anderson.

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 Evangelism for the second qtr.

Service of Healing

Tuesday, April 21st at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary, for all in need of healing and comfort.

this is what the
LORD
+ *says:*
I have heard your prayer
AND I will
heal you 2 Kings 20:5

SCRIP NEWS:

Place your orders for Scrip cards on Sunday, April 19th, for delivery April 26th. If anyone is unable to purchase on Sunday's, you may stop by the office during the week to place your order. See Vicki Drews.

The church receives a percentage of every gift card you purchase.



Due to the current events of COVID-19, all classes and services at OSLC are cancelled until council reconvenes on April 5th. You can watch service live on our Facebook page, *Our Savior Lutheran Church-ELCA*. Please stay tuned to announcements on our website and our Facebook page for more information and updates. You can also call the front office with any questions or concerns. The office will remain open Monday thru Friday, 9am - 2pm. Thank you.

THURSDAY ADULT STUDY AT 10:00 AM: Pastor Steve facilitates a study of Sunday's Gospel. *(This class will still continue as normal in the Fellowship Hall).*

Easter Breakfast

Join us in the fellowship at 8:15am, following the first service, for an Easter breakfast. All are welcome to join. Sign up in the Narthex.



H.O.M.B.R.E.S.

Thursday, April 16th at 6:30pm. We'll meet at the home of Angelo Ranaudo for bible study, food, & fellowship. Please sign up in the Narthex.

All men are welcome

MEN'S MINISTRY

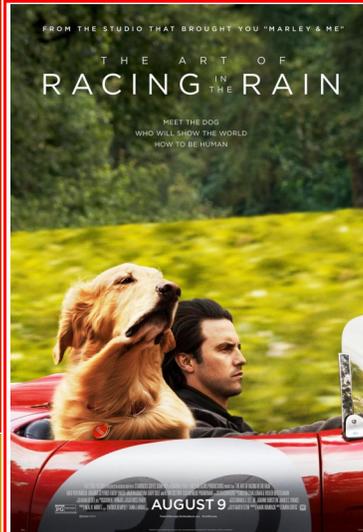
DINNER & MOVIE NIGHT * TUESDAY, APRIL 7th

**5:30 p.m. Dinner at Jason's Deli
7:00p.m. Movie in the Sanctuary**

Join us as we watch the movie *'The Art of Racing in the Rain'*

Denny Swift is a Formula One race car driver who understands that the techniques needed on the racetrack can also be used to successfully navigate everyday life. Besides his career, Denny has three loves of his life -- his beautiful wife, their young daughter and his best friend, which is a dog that wants to be reincarnated into a human.

tentative—subject to change. Please stay tuned to announcements



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 _____

STEWARDSHIP

“The good leave an inheritance to their children’s children.” –Proverbs 13:22a

Look at the babies in your congregation and your circle of friends and family. You want them to grow up in the same kind of beautiful, safe, abundant world you did, right? But that’s increasingly in doubt. In the next 50 years, climate change and environmental crises will disrupt patterns of nature and civilization that have developed over millennia. Some scientists even wonder whether the planet will be habitable in 2120. Australia’s horrific wildfires may be just a sample of things to come, along with worsening hurricanes, more-frequent tornadoes, rising sea levels, rapid desertification, and melting glaciers and icebergs. It’s not that our world did not already have serious problems with such issues as war, refugees, hunger, species extinction, pollution and extreme weather, but climate change is making them all much worse and much more complicated. Christians trust in the Almighty, while we also recognize that God calls us to love one another and care for the only home God has given us. “If we truly believe we’ve been given responsibility for every living thing on this planet (including each other) as it says in Genesis 1, then it isn’t only a matter of caring about climate change,” writes evangelical Christian and climate scientist Katherine Hayhoe. “We should be at the front of the line demanding action.” This month we have much to celebrate in the new life we have through our resurrected Lord. We also celebrate spring, seedtime, and Earth Day on April 22. Let us commit ourselves to renewing and protecting the only home we have, the only home we will leave for our children. —Rob Blezard

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APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Linda Fraser
- 3 Brandon Milligan
- 7 Jeannette Smith
- 9 Sylvia Groom
- 10 Larry Keefe
- 12 Etta Mooney
- 13 Lois Thompto
- 16 Ruth Haaland
- 17 Frank Zzulka
- 21 William Curll
- 23 Jamie Long
- 25 Ron Cherland
- 27 Hal Case



Financial Quick Summary February, 2020: Income \$25,410, actual less than plan by -\$3,966. Expenses \$21,496, actual less than plan by -\$1,743. February Income less expenses = a positive \$3,914. Year-to-date income is \$45,385 and is less than the planned for income of \$56,805 by \$11,420. YTD income of \$45,385 less YTD expenses of \$48,180 is a negative -\$2,794.

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 24 Duane & Janis Sommer
- 25 Michael & Alie Hiles

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
				10:00am Adult Class 1:00pm Worship & Music Meeting 6:30pm Education Meeting		
<i>Palm Sunday</i> 5 8:00am Communion* 9:30am Communion* 9:30am Sunday School* 11:00am Communion* <i>*tentative</i>	6	7	8	9	10	11
		8:30am Piecemakers 12:30pm Ladies Cards 5:30pm Dinner* 7:00pm Movie* <i>*tentative</i>	6:30pm Study 6:30 Praise Team	<i>Maundy Thursday</i> 10:00am Adult Class 6:00pm Service	<i>Good Friday</i> 12:00pm Service 6:00pm Service	9:00am Decorate for Easter
<i>Easter Sunday</i> 12 7:15am Communion 8:15am Breakfast 9:30am Communion 10:30am Easter Egg Hunt 11:00am Communion	13	14	15	16	17	18
		8:30am Piecemakers	5:00pm Conf. Class 6:30pm Bible Study 6:30pm Praise Team	10:00am Adult Class 6:30pm HOMBRES		
<i>2nd Sunday Easter</i> 19 9:30am Communion 11:00am Communion	20	21	22	23	24	25
	12:00pm NEWSLETTER DEADLINE for May articles	8:30am Piecemakers 12:30pm Ladies Cards 5:30pm Healing Svc 6:30pm Council Mtg	5:00pm Conf. Class 6:30pm Bible Study 6:30pm Praise Team	10:00am Adult Class		8:15am Spanish service 9-10am Pantry
<i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i> 26 9:30am Worship 11:00am Worship	27	28	29	30		
		8:30am Piecemakers		10:00am Adult Class		

SHARING AND CARING

CARING & SHARING: For April 5, please bring **NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS**. 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, April 19. You may also donate money and designate Food Pantry. Distribution of food bags will be on April 25 from 9:00 to 10:00am. God's love is spread through you, to you and from you.

PIECEMAKERS: Our quilters have been very productive over the years. Starting in 2003, when we distributed just 51 quilts, through the years we have donated up to 466 quilts per year, to 2019 when we gave 377 quilts children and adults, for a grand total of 4,900 hand-made quilts. We work through 29 local schools, elementary through high school, to reach children in need, and have also donated to the Salvation Army, the homeless, a colonia in Edinburg, and our own graduates and newly baptized here at OSLC. Quilts may also be sold at any time for \$75.00 each. We thank the church members for supporting our work, and the quilters who come to cut, piece, sew and tie the quilts. Join us on Tuesdays at 8:30 a.m., and bring your lunch. We have many jobs that need doing to finish the quilts. *God's Work, Our Hands*



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

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