

Our Savior Lutheran Church

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Volume XXXX, Issue		<p><i>Our Savior Lutheran Church</i> 1105 W. Fern Ave. McAllen, TX 78501</p> <p>Worship with us every Sunday.</p> <p>Due to the unforeseen circumstances regarding COVID-19, at this time we are</p> <p>We are having an outdoor service at 9am on Sundays weather permitting.</p> <p>We 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').</p> <p>Please stay tuned for further updates.</p>	<p>Our Savior Lutheran Staff:</p> <table> <tr> <td>Ministers</td> <td>All People of OSLC</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pastor</td> <td>Steve Herzberg</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Office Manager</td> <td>Vicki Drews</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Office Admin</td> <td>Vicki Drews</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Music Director</td> <td>Kenneth Rivens</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pianist</td> <td>John McLeod</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Youth Director</td> <td>Dawn Everson</td> </tr> </table> <p>Council Members:</p> <table> <tr> <td>President</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vice President</td> <td>Jason Milligan</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Treasurer</td> <td>Bill Mauck</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Secretary</td> <td>Dawn Garcia</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fellowship</td> <td>Paula Cheever</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Evangelism</td> <td>Alie Hiles</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Learning & Youth</td> <td>Jason Milligan</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Property</td> <td>Norm Frey</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Stewardship</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Worship & Music</td> <td>Nina Long</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Social Concerns</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	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	President		Vice President	Jason Milligan	Treasurer	Bill Mauck	Secretary	Dawn Garcia	Fellowship	Paula Cheever	Evangelism	Alie Hiles	Learning & Youth	Jason Milligan	Property	Norm Frey	Stewardship		Worship & Music	Nina Long	Social Concerns	
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Pastor's Notes

November begins on All Saints' Day this year, literally on the first Sunday. It is also the day that Daylight Saving Time ends. November 3rd is National Election Day where we carry out our civic responsibilities of participating in our nation's decision making. Please take time to vote. Our Church Year also ends this month on Sunday, the 22nd, with Christ the King Sunday. That week follows with Thanksgiving and hopefully our usual Thanksgiving Eve worship service on the 25th. Then, Sunday, the 29th, begins a whole new Church Year with the First Sunday of Advent. As of today, we are at our outdoor service for Sunday worship at 9am. That is in place until the council meeting of Nov. 10th when they will look at all the dynamics of returned Winter Texans, the weather, and Covid-related cases. Stay tuned for the constant adaptations we face during this pandemic time which affects just about everything. Thank you for understanding and adapting along with us.... Sunday School for the children will continue during the morning worship hour. LOST events for the youth will continue on the 3rd Sunday of each month. Council and other committee meetings do go forward...sometimes in person and sometimes by zoom. Thursday bible study continues by zoom. Other normal ministries such as the Piecemakers, Emily's (continued on next page)

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Meals, and Wednesday night bible study are still on hold. Neighborhood Pantry continues with a modified format.....With all these adaptations, our faith in God never changes. If anything, it has the chance to grow even stronger, as we need to turn to Him for our health and welfare. Thanks be to God for understanding the situation in which we live and being there when we need Him. *Pastor Steve*

Thanksgiving

November is the time for us to be grateful and thankful for all that has been given us. It's a time for us to reflect on all the many blessings God has given us. It's also a time for us to reach out to others in need. We need to remember to give thanks to the Lord and to praise him from whom all blessings flow.

.Harvest Time

In the fall, especially in the colder areas of our country, we hold harvest time festivals, hayrides, and enjoy apple and pumpkin pies, jams and jellies, taffy, caramel apples and other homemade treats. Harvest time activities on the farm areas means a lot of hard work. We see the farmers gathering wheat, corn, pumpkins, cabbage, and various other vegetables. For all this we are very grateful.

Genesis 2:10 tells us that God provided water for the garden he had made. All the trees, and other plants we have were given to us by our God. Look at our world and we see beautiful trees of all kinds: redwoods, elm, oak, pine, mesquite, maple, pecan, banyan, Brazil nut, rubber tree and palms. Unfortunately, so many of the rain forest trees are being cut down. The redwoods are in danger of the forest fires. In some places in our world, we have over farmed the earth and desert land results. Regardless, we still have a beautiful world,

Yet, there is another harvest about which God speaks often in our bible. Matthew 9:37-38 "Then he said to his disciples, The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few, therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." We are the laborers who need to harvest souls. The best way to harvest is to be like Jesus by showing our love and care. Tell them about Jesus and what he has done for all of us. In the book of Acts we read the many times Paul went to synagogues and fearlessly told of Jesus and his resurrection. We don't judge, criticize, or tell others what they "must" believe. Let God tell you what you should do during harvest time. Galatians 6:9 Let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap if we do not give up." –*Marsha Erps*



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES.

Delmar & Barb Austinson 11/10
Gordon & Margaret Treptow 11/12
John & Linda Fraser 11/23
Joseph & Frances Knollmaier 11/26
Larry & Patty Jo Budeau 11/30

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Dawn Garcia	11/1
Roger Burnham	11/2
Audrey Kalmoe	11/3
Marge Demaree	11/4
Delmar Austinson	11/7
Stan Johannsen	11/7
Joe Nelson	11/8
Jim Demaree	11/13
Ralland Harrison	11/14
Gene Nielsen	11/16
Barbara Denman	11/18
Milam Smith	11/18
Rudy Losoya	11/20
Bill Mauck	11/20
Duane Sommer	11/24
Connie Laumann	11/25
Dylan Day	11/27
LeRoy Walker	11/27
Austin Smith	11/30
Barbara Christensen	10/30
Roger Johnson	10/31



GOD'S WORK—OUR HANDS 2020

Thank you to all who contributed to our Neighborhood Food Pantry in October! Your donations make it possible to feed 35 families each month. Please help us meet the need year-round. Special thanks to all the volunteers who assemble and distribute the food bags!

SCRIP INFO

Scrip orders will be placed on 11/15/20 for delivery on 11/22/20. You can stop by the office during the week to place your orders or contact Vicki Drews if you have any questions.

If you plan to stop by the office, please don't forget to wear a mask. 😊



FINANCIAL SUMMARY SEPTEMBER 2020

Income for September was \$15,243 and was less than planned for by \$3,740. Year to date Income was \$186,676 and was less than the planned income by -13,944. Expenses for August were \$19,078 and were less than the planned expenses by -\$2,811. YTD Expenses were \$188,618 and were less than the planned expenses by -\$19,430. September income of \$15,243 less August expenses of \$19,078 means we took in less money than we spent by -\$3,835. YTD income of \$186,676 less YTD expenses of \$188,618 leaves us with a negative balance of -\$1,942. Hopefully October will be a better month. All in all, we are hanging in there. Thank you all for mailing in or dropping off your donations. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

30 DAYS OF THANKSGIVING

I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.—John 10:10b

Thankful people are happy people. It's not just a feel-good slogan on a refrigerator magnet or bumper sticker; it's proven science.

"Gratitude helps people feel more positive emotions, relish good experiences, improve their health, deal with adversity, and build strong relationships," reports Harvard Medical School's Healthbeat. That sounds like abundant life Jesus describes in the gospels, doesn't it?

So why aren't Christians more thankful and happy? While we all sometimes face hardships that can avert our thankfulness, many of us simply take our blessings for granted. Perhaps we have succumbed to the lie we hear from 24/7 advertising—that we never have enough and never are enough.

Hopeful news from researchers is that thankfulness can be cultivated. Those who consistently practice thankfulness develop gratitude and happiness.

This November, the month of Thanksgiving, make thankfulness a daily spiritual practice. Here are some ideas for "30 Days of Thanksgiving":

Pray thanksgiving. In your morning and evening prayers, thank God for your life and whatever specific blessings come to mind.

Keep a thanks diary. Every day write down what you are thankful for and why. Challenge yourself to find and pray about 10 things daily.

Say thank you. Go out of your way to express thanks to the people you encounter every day.

Create a thankfulness calendar. Every morning write something on your calendar for which you are grateful to God, and think, pray, and meditate on it until bedtime.

Practice thankfulness consistently and you might be surprised to find yourself enjoying the abundant life Jesus promises us.

Rob Blezard

Lives are changed.

Love is felt,

Where God is seen,

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