

OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

April *Voice* 2023



And this is the Victory that has overcome the world – our faith.

1 John 5:4b (ESV)

Holy Week:

Palm Sunday • **April 2 @ 9:30 am,**
with Confirmation & Palm Procession Drama

Maundy Thursday • **April 6 @ 7:00 pm, with Holy Communion,**
Lord's Supper Drama @ 6:40 in Narthex; Gethsemane Drama @ 8pm outside

Good Friday • **April 7, Tenebrae Service @ 7:00 pm,**
followed by Crucifixion Drama outside

Easter Sunday • **April 9**
Breakfast @ 8:00 am, in the School Cafeteria

Worship at 9:30 am, with Orchestra & Holy Communion
Empty Tomb Drama & Egg Hunt outside for the kids @ 11:00 am

Confirmed in the Faith

The Rite of Confirmation will be celebrated at Our Savior Lutheran Church on Palm Sunday. Fourteen young people will stand before God and His holy people to confirm the faith they were taught and to make solemn promises before the same. I am very excited for these young people and the great work they have accomplished. Please celebrate with them and with the whole Church of God.

This rite is the culmination of many years of study, prayer, and meditation. It is a highlight of these young people's faith journey, but it is not the end of that journey. Confirmation is not a graduation—where the students put away their textbooks and stop coming to Bible classes—no, this is just a pause to build on the foundation the Lord laid so long ago at their baptism. These young people are confirming their faith. They will have been examined on content, but also as they prepare to take the Lord's body and blood in the Sacrament of the Altar for the first time on Maundy Thursday. What they say and do today is just another step in the long walk to the Resurrection of all flesh. They are pointed to the cross of Jesus and they are protected by the Holy Spirit who continues to bring forgiveness, life, and salvation by the Means of Grace.

Dear Saints of God, rejoice with me and with the whole Church over these young people. Make it part of your regular prayers to lift them up to God. Encourage them with your words and bolster them with the Word of God. Tell them that you are praying for them. Remember your confirmation and meditate on the texts of the Small Catechism. It is meant to be your prayerbook and your guide. Come support our confirmands at questioning (March 31 at 7PM) and Palm Sunday morning (April 2 at 9:30AM). To God be the glory for the great blessings he has showered on our confirmands.

Pastor Steven Cholak

The youths to be confirmed on April 2 include:

Colleen Kay Crabtree

Dane Bennett Crook

Jules Foster Crook

Emma Faith Guevara

Lance Christian Holman

Aiden Brian Kleb

Summer Anne Morrissey

Heidi Elizabeth Nitsch

Matthew Kotico O'Neill

Maja Elizabeth Stephens

Ava Gabrielle Symcox

Abigail Michelle White

Greyson Edward Williams

Toni Lenora Willis



Easter Breakfast - April 1, from 8:00-9:00am

Come eat breakfast before the Easter service, served by the Sr. Youth, in the cafeteria!

Pancakes & Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Fresh Fruit, Cereal Bar, Coffee & Orange Juice

We will have a Free-will offering to help sponsor the Sr. Youth trip to the Higher Things conference this summer. ***Thanks!***

After seeing the Empty Tomb, the *Egg Hunt* will begin at 11:30 am, for kids 18 months-old through 6th grade. ***So don't forget to bring your basket!***





Holy Week: **Live Action Dramas** *following the Worship Services* **Palm Sunday, April 2 @ 9:30 am**



Maundy Thursday
April 6 @ 7:00 pm
 Lord's Supper Drama @ 6:40pm
 in Narthex, before the service
 Gethsemane Drama @ 8:00 pm



Good Friday-Tenebrae
April 7 @ 7:00 pm
 Crucifixion Drama @ 8:00 pm,
 outside on the hill

Easter Sunday

April 9 @ 9:30 am

**See the women find the empty tomb and then
 encounter the Risen Christ.**

He is RISEN! He is RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!

Want to be part of the ACTION? Contact Channing Wood: 281-236-8105



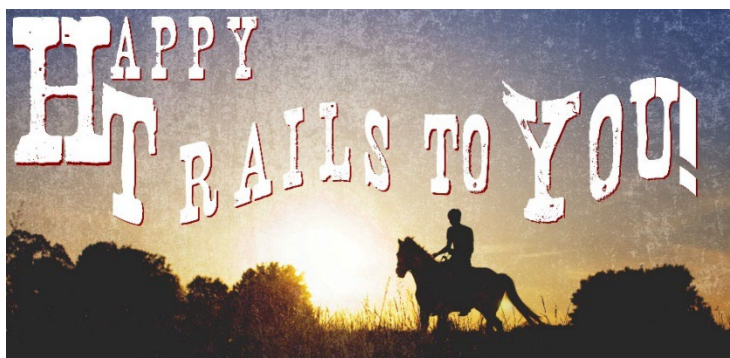
PASTOR KRIEG & FAMILY APPRECIATION RECEPTION › SUNDAY, 16 APRIL 2023



Join us in the Cafeteria, after the Worship Service, April 16, for a delicious lunch by the Holy Smokers: BRISKET, CHICKEN, SAUSAGE, POTATO SALAD, COLESLAW, BEANS, BREAD, DESSERT & DRINKS.

We will collect a freewill love-offering to help them transition and show how much we appreciate all they have done for OSL since they arrived in 2017.

KRIEG FRIDAY NIGHT @ TODDY OAKS, APRIL 14, *Honoring Jennifer!*
JOIN US FOR LIVE MUSIC & FREE ADMISSION INTO THE EVENT CENTER, STARTING @ 7:30PM, 20120 FRANZ RD, KATY, TX 77449. RSVP at Toddy Oaks: 281-578-2020.



Dear OSL Church,

The month of March has been filled with celebrations as we recognized National Lutheran Schools Week March 5-12. We received a visitor from NASA who shared a real spacesuit with our scholars in grades K-8. Our school has been studying space this winter and this visitor enhanced the learning of our scholars. We hosted a History and Science Fair where all of our scholars presented a project either with their entire class or the individual students. It was a blessing to see the effort each scholar put into the projects, and we learned about the best laundry detergent to important people and events of the Civil War. We created a video with a special cross picture with all the school children. Check it out on our social media pages. <https://www.facebook.com/OSLSchool/videos/231333822698073> The school also decorated lunch bags to support a local charity that provides sack lunches to children.



We launched a new Our Savior Lutheran School logo this month! The meaning of our new logo embodies the foundation we have in Lutheranism and the saving work of our Savior. Our mascot, the eagle, signifies our majestic God as depicted in Isaiah. A full explanation can be found on the school website at www.oslschool.org.



We invited our Grandparents and VIPs to school this month and the schools prepared a wonderful presentation with music and recitations and special activities in the classrooms.



Our 3rd quarter ended while we gained occupancy for the new buildings which allowed two of our Kindergarten classes and our first-grade classes to move into their rooms along with our 2nd preschool class to move back into the Early Childhood Building. We are grateful that the process has been completed and that we can now utilize our art and music rooms again, and the library.

This month we look forward to our Oratio competition where our Logic School scholars are presenting monologues to their class and move from semi-finals to finals on April 19 at 1:30 pm. We invite you to join us in the church for this special presentation.

We will have our final Spirit Night at Wild Oats at the Heights Farmer's Market on Wednesday, April 19 to support our school. Remember to call for reservations to enjoy the evening out. We will also host our Grades 1-4 Field Day on Friday, April 28. We have several local Lutheran schools join us on our campus for a great time of fun and athletic competition.

Thank you for richly blessing our families and Houston! Thanks be to God for His many gifts!

Kate Thaelke

Principal

"To the Glory of God and the Salvation of Man"





The Spring FAST will take place

April 19 — May 17.

It will be a five week session.

New MOMS are invited to an early class at **4:30pm** (*so that you can get your little one to bed on time*).

Dinner will be served from **5:30-6:30pm** in the cafeteria.

Classes will take place from **6:30-7:30pm** in the classroom building.

The evening will conclude with **Evening Prayer at 7:30** in the cafeteria.

The Spring FAST classes include:

Lydia Mushinski — *New Moms (Special 4:30 time)*

Pastor White — *Sex and Gender: Why are they so important?*

Pastor Cholak — *Cracking Darwinism: Defending Creationism*

Jeff Armstrong — *Is that Music I hear? (the rich history of the use of music in the Lutheran Church)*

Child care will be available.

Any questions? Contact: Pastor Steven Cholak • 713-290-9087 ext 206 • scholak@osl.cc

Baptized Into Christ

Maddox David Lavoie was baptized on February 19, after Bible Class. His parents are Nick & Rachael (Trevino) Lavoie, and his sponsors are Brian & Renae Witte and Luke & Christine Taylor.

On February 26, **Freya Marigold Kemnitz** was baptized during our worship service. Her parents are Kirk & Brynn Kemnitz, and her sponsors are Alec & Emily Kemnitz.



On March 5, **Charles Todd Alspaugh** was baptized after Sunday School. His parents are Brian Alspaugh and Adriana Baquerizo, and his sponsors are Jeff Bourque and Alanis Avellan.

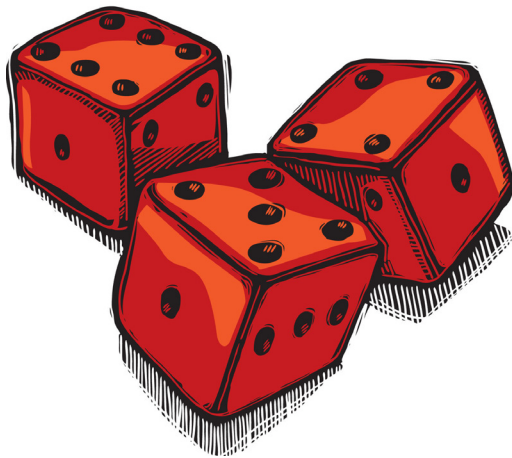


Haydyn Grace Boundy was baptized on March 19, during our worship service. Her parents are Tyler & Jordyn Boundy, and her sponsors are Breann Reyes and Ty Walker.

Bunko Women's Social

Saturday, April 29 10:00 AM

in the Bible Class Room



**Ladies, come and
invite your friends!**

Got questions?
Contact: Sharon Edwards
(713) 501-0145
sharonbeary@comcast.net

Memorials

The following memorials were given to the glory of God to Forward Faithfully, unless otherwise noted, in loving memory of...

Debbie Adams (*Altar Guild*).....
Melvin & Judy Gessner
Carlton & Lacinda Homfeld
Stu & Lorie Moehlman
Roger & Susan Synnott
LWML Cheerful Helpers

Cheryl Fritsche (*OSL School Building Fund*).....
Alvin Fritsche

Robert Klar
Paul Bohls (*stained glass window fund*)
Gene & Barbara Zoch

Penny Lierbo
Jeanelle Lee

Honorariums

Fritsche Mission.....
Norman Adams
Laura Boyd

Africa - Wokoma
Laura Boyd

Membership Changes

as of the Elders Meeting, March 2023

Transfer in:

Lloyd & Ruth Bloedorn (*dual membership with Memorial LC*)

Baptisms:

Charles Todd Alspaugh – March 5, 2023
Haydyn Grace Boundy – March 19, 2023

Saints:

Sophia Adcock – March 7, 2023
Elson E. Held – March 24, 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 8:30am Men Alive-A101 10:00am Confirmation Rehearsal & Pictures
2 Palm Sunday 8:15am Bible Class 8:15am Confirmation Class 9:30am Palm Sunday Festival with Confirmation 10:45am Palm Processional Drama outside	3 6:30pm Potter's Vessel-FR 7:00pm New Member Class-BC 7:00pm Young Adults-YR	4 7:00pm Church Council-BC	5 6:30am Men's Bible Study-BC 12:00pm Bulletin Deadline 3:00pm Prayer Request printing deadline 6:15pm Carillon Ringers 7:00pm Jubilate Choir	6  MAUNDY THURSDAY 6:40pm Drama-Lord's Supper-Narthex 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Communion Service 8:00pm Drama-Garden of Gethsemane-Outside	7 7:00pm Good Friday Tenebrae Service 8:30pm Drama-Crucifixion-Hillside parking lot  GOOD FRIDAY	8 9:30am -10:30am Orchestra & Choir Practice
9 Easter Sunday 8:00am Breakfast-A101 8:15am Bible Class 8:15am Confirmation Class 9:30am Easter Festival Communion 11:00am Empty Tomb Drama & Egg Hunt	10 No School - Church Office closed 7:00pm New Member Class-BC <i>TBD - Call Office</i> 7:00pm Young Adults-YR	11 8:30am Braille 6:00pm UH Campus Ministry 6:30pm Trustees-BC 7:00pm Parish Ed mtg-YR	12 6:30am Men's Bible Study-BC 10:00am Bible Class-BC 12:00pm Bulletin Deadline	13 3:00pm Prayer Request printing deadline 6:15pm Carillon Ringers 7:00pm Jubilate Choir 7:00pm Zoom Bible Study	14 9:00am Joseph's Guild of Colors-LWML 7:30pm Krieg Party Send-off @ Toddy Oaks <i>Bon Appetit Trip</i>	15 Newsletter Deadline  10:00am GEMS Youth in Mission-LWML Group-YR 
16 8:15am Bible Class 9:30am Matins 10:45am Krieg Family Good-bye Reception-A101 12:00pm Exultae Brass 4:12pm Sr Youth Meeting	17 9:00am Joseph's Guild of Colors-LWML 7:00pm New Member Class-BC 7:00pm Young Adults-YR	18 6:00pm UH Campus Ministry 7:00pm Elders mtg-BC 7:00pm Night Circle-FR	19 6:30am Men's Bible Study-BC 10:00am Bible Class-BC 12:00pm Bulletin Deadline 4:30pm F.A.S.T. New Moms Class 5:30pm F.A.S.T. Classes <i>Fellowship And Study Together</i> 	20 3:00pm Prayer Request printing deadline 6:00pm Evangelism Meeting-BC 6:15pm Carillon Ringers 7:00pm Jubilate Choir 7:00pm Lutheran Confessions Bible Study Group-BC 7:00pm Zoom Bible Study	21	22
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30 8:15am Bible Class 9:30am Matins 10:45am Sunday School 12:00pm Life Team Meeting-FR 1:30pm Piano Recital-BC	1 6:30pm Potter's Vessel-FR 7:00pm Young Adults-YR	2 6:00pm UH Campus Ministry 7:00pm Church Council-BC	3 6:30am Men's Bible Study-BC 10:00am Bible Class-BC 12:00pm Bulletin Deadline 4:30pm F.A.S.T. New Moms Class 5:30pm F.A.S.T. Classes	4 3:00pm Prayer Request printing deadline 6:15pm Carillon Ringers 7:00pm Jubilate Choir 7:00pm Lutheran Confessions Bible Study Group-BC 7:00pm Zoom Bible Study	5	6 8:30am Men Alive-A101

A=Gym/Cafeteria • B=Early Childhood Ctr • C=Classrooms • FR=Family Room • BC=Bilble Class Room • *Italics*=not @ OSL

Those To Serve - April 2023

Acolytes	04/02/23	9:30 AM	Blake Farr / Lorenzo Gonzales / Giuliana Krieg / Kaden Resendez / Cade Witt
Carts	04/02/23	9:30 AM	Kriegel Team
Elders	04/02/23	9:30 AM	Brad Whiting / Bradley Synnott / Glenn Frazier / Ken Thompson
Evangelism	04/02/23	9:30 AM	Team 2 Garry
Greeters	04/02/23	9:30 AM	Team 7
Sound	04/02/23	9:30 AM	Witt
Ushers	04/02/23	9:30 AM	Lehr Team
Acolytes	04/06/23	7:00 PM	Livy Adams / Abi Halbert
Altar Guild	04/06/23	7:00 PM	Amanda Crabtree Team
Carts	04/06/23	7:00 PM	Gavin Team
Comm.Asst	04/06/23	7:00 PM	Brad Whiting / Bradley Synnott / Glenn Frazier / Ken Thompson
Elders	04/06/23	7:00 PM	Brad Whiting / Bradley Synnott / Glenn Frazier / Ken Thompson
Evangelism	04/06/23	7:00 PM	Team 2 Garry
Greeters	04/06/23	7:00 PM	Team 8
Sound	04/06/23	7:00 PM	Witt
Ushers	04/06/23	7:00 PM	Halbert Team
Acolytes	04/07/23	7:00 PM	Dane Crook / Jules Crook
Carts	04/07/23	7:00 PM	Stephens Team
Elders	04/07/23	7:00 PM	Brad Whiting / Bradley Synnott / Glenn Frazier / Ken Thompson
Evangelism	04/07/23	7:00 PM	Team 2 Garry
Greeters	04/07/23	7:00 PM	Team 9
Sound	04/07/23	7:00 PM	Wilbanks
Ushers	04/07/23	7:00 PM	Downie Team
Acolytes	04/09/23	9:30 AM	Huck Bender / Colleen Crabtree / Lucas Downie / Matthew O'Neill / Janiah Thomas
Altar Guild	04/09/23	9:30 AM	Ann Putman Team / Jeanene Lunsford Team
Carts	04/09/23	9:30 AM	Adams Team
Comm.Asst	04/09/23	9:30 AM	Brad Whiting / Bradley Synnott / Glenn Frazier / Ken Thompson
Elders	04/09/23	9:30 AM	Brad Whiting / Bradley Synnott / Glenn Frazier / Ken Thompson
Evangelism	04/09/23	9:30 AM	Team 3 James
Greeters	04/09/23	9:30 AM	Team 10
Sound	04/09/23	9:30 AM	Greenwood
Ushers	04/09/23	9:30 AM	Downie Team

Acolytes	04/16/23	9:30 AM	Katherine Johnson / Toni Willis
Carts	04/16/23	9:30 AM	Pampell Team
Elders	04/16/23	9:30 AM	Brad Whiting / Bradley Synnott / Glenn Frazier / Ken Thompson
Evangelism	04/16/23	9:30 AM	Team 4 Karl
Greeters	04/16/23	9:30 AM	Team 1
Sound	04/16/23	9:30 AM	Blake
Ushers	04/16/23	9:30 AM	Gobrogge Team
Acolytes	04/23/23	9:30 AM	Sophie Bennett / Summer Morrissey
Altar Guild	04/23/23	9:30 AM	Glenda Cochran Team
Carts	04/23/23	9:30 AM	Downie Team
Comm.Asst	04/23/23	9:30 AM	Brad Whiting / Bradley Synnott / Glenn Frazier / Ken Thompson
Elders	04/23/23	9:30 AM	Brad Whiting / Bradley Synnott / Glenn Frazier / Ken Thompson
Evangelism	04/23/23	9:30 AM	Team 5 Al
Greeters	04/23/23	9:30 AM	Team 2
Sound	04/23/23	9:30 AM	Whiting
Ushers	04/23/23	9:30 AM	Lehr Team
Acolytes	04/30/23	9:30 AM	Aiden Kleb / Kaden Resendez
Carts	04/30/23	9:30 AM	Kriegel Team
Elders	04/30/23	9:30 AM	Brad Whiting / Bradley Synnott / Glenn Frazier / Ken Thompson
Evangelism	04/30/23	9:30 AM	Team 1 Lee
Greeters	04/30/23	9:30 AM	Team 3
Sound	04/30/23	9:30 AM	Witt
Ushers	04/30/23	9:30 AM	Halbert Team



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8:00 am - 5 pm, Monday - Thursday
8:00 am - 4 pm, Friday

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| 1 Randy Laird
Isaac Luna | 12 Cindy Gobrogge
Detlef Kemnitz
Dirk Kemnitz
Nicole Spangler | 20 Elizabeth Chia
Giuliana Krieg
Leslie La Nasa
Sue Rose
Haley Wood |
| 2 Caleb Gerard
Shirley Harris
Justin McCharen | 13 Nathan Kemnitz
London Taylor | 21 Holly Crabtree
Linda Hope
Daniel Schlanser |
| 3 Joshua Armstrong
Laura Boyd
Emily Jokic | 14 Ken Wright | 22 Karl Baughman
Ally Hilsher
Nathan Russ |
| 5 William Horn
Winston Krieg | 15 Sophie Bennett
Katie Farr
Naomi Govella
Angel Reyes
Brian Waiser | 23 Katie Cherington
Sila Ferrarese |
| 6 David Durrett
MacKenzie Holeman
Brenda Moore | 16 Julie Becker
Don Borgstedte
Devin Marburger
Collin Morrissey | 25 Kenneth Bamsch
Doug Hillegeist
Savannah Williams |
| 7 Joey Baner Jr.
Emilia Spangler
Chazz Treat
Shannon Trevino | 17 Kayla Clayton
Joshua Listi
Alec Noack
Jason Stephens
Evelyn Stuhr | 26 India Hope
Clarissa Worthing |
| 8 Andrei Fritsche
Jamie Garcia
David Holeman
Freddie Holman
Beverly Muguerza | 18 Scott Musgrove | 27 Brynn Burttschell
Chanrika Ramsey
Emily Thaelke |
| 9 Kelly Fash | 19 Leah Kauffman
Joshua Priddy
Evelyn Matei | 28 Charlotte Hilsher
Ruben Luna, Jr. |
| 10 Larry Kendrick
Stephanie Young | | 29 Santiago Deforest |
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Serving Families for Jesus Christ

Return Service Requested



*Pancakes & Sausage, Scrambled Eggs,
Fresh Fruit, Cereal Bar, Coffee &
Orange Juice*

Free-will offering to help sponsor the
Sr. Youth trip to the Higher Things
conference this summer. *Thanks!*

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8:00–9:00am
in the Cafeteria