

Our Savior Lutheran's

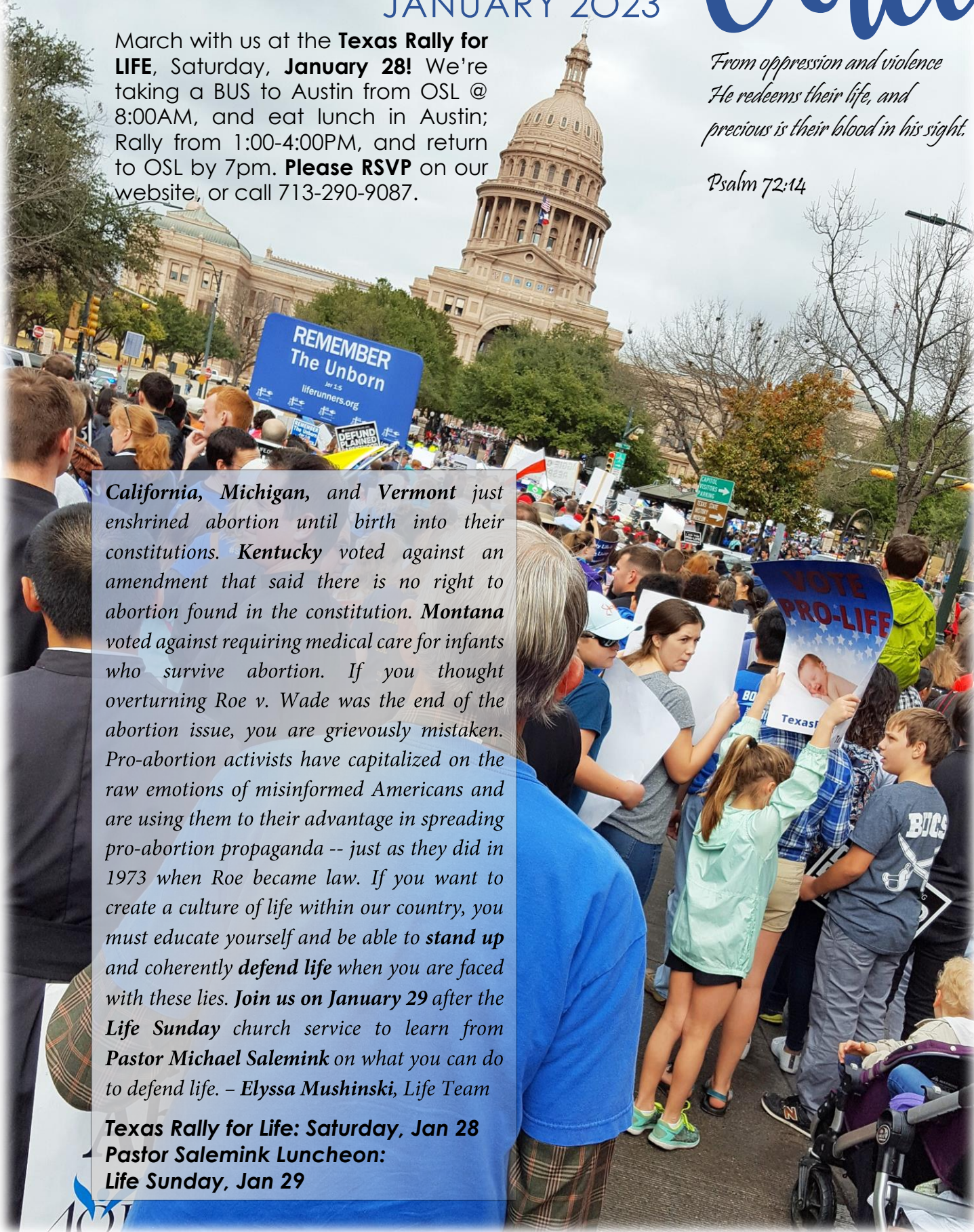
JANUARY 2023

Voice

March with us at the **Texas Rally for LIFE**, Saturday, **January 28!** We're taking a BUS to Austin from OSL @ 8:00AM, and eat lunch in Austin; Rally from 1:00-4:00PM, and return to OSL by 7pm. **Please RSVP** on our website, or call 713-290-9087.

*From oppression and violence
He redeems their life, and
precious is their blood in his sight.*

Psalms 72:14



*California, Michigan, and Vermont just enshrined abortion until birth into their constitutions. Kentucky voted against an amendment that said there is no right to abortion found in the constitution. Montana voted against requiring medical care for infants who survive abortion. If you thought overturning Roe v. Wade was the end of the abortion issue, you are grievously mistaken. Pro-abortion activists have capitalized on the raw emotions of misinformed Americans and are using them to their advantage in spreading pro-abortion propaganda -- just as they did in 1973 when Roe became law. If you want to create a culture of life within our country, you must educate yourself and be able to **stand up** and coherently **defend life** when you are faced with these lies. Join us on January 29 after the Life Sunday church service to learn from Pastor Michael Salemink on what you can do to defend life. – Elyssa Mushinski, Life Team*

Texas Rally for Life: Saturday, Jan 28
Pastor Salemink Luncheon:
Life Sunday, Jan 29

Speaking the Truth in Love:

Engaging Abortion Advocates' Arguments and Objections

"The Bible doesn't say anything about abortion."

"It's not a person."

"My body, my right."

"If it's illegal, women will die."

"Don't legislate morality."

"You can't force rape victims to bear their attackers' children."

"We shouldn't judge those poor women."



Let's look into how we can share God's grace sensitively, eloquently, and winsomely in response to these and other invitations.

We welcome Pastor Michael Salemink
Sunday, January 29, 2023

Join us in our School Cafeteria for music by Cantate, and

Lunch @ Noon (by Holy Smokers)

Presentation @ 1:30pm

Freewill Offering

Use QR Code to register RSVP, thanks

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Pastor Salemink has served Lutherans For Life since 2015. His prior parish experience includes a decade at a large congregation with a vibrant day school and lots of catechism classes, chapel services, and Bible studies. A father of three boys, fan of sports and music, and avid runner, he writes regularly and speaks nationwide equipping Lutherans and their neighbors to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life.



DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST,

At the close of the Diet of Augsburg, there was not much hope the Emperor would grant Lutherans freedom to practice their faith apart from Catholicism. Knowing a military campaign by the emperor would force them to submit to Rome, the Lutheran princes formed a military alliance known as the Smalcald League. The Smalcald League became one of the most formidable powers in Europe. Because of the increasing power of the Smalcald League and war with the Muslims, Charles granted the Lutherans religious freedom at the Diet of Nuremberg until a general council could be called.

In 1536, Pope John Paul III finally called for such a council to be held the following year. To prepare for the council, elector John Frederick asked Luther to write a confession that would clearly state the Lutheran doctrine. Seemingly near death, Luther wrote the document, and although he lived another nine years, he considered this his doctrinal “Last Will and Testament.”

One might ask why there was a need for another confession of faith when the Lutherans already had the Small and Large Catechisms, the Augsburg Confession, and the Apology. As sound as these earlier confessions are, there arose a need for a stronger confession on certain doctrines that were at issue between the Lutherans and the church in Rome. The doctrinal lines dividing them became clearer in the years since Augsburg, giving Luther the chance to clarify points already stated in the Augsburg Confession and the Apology and include new articles that were now at issue with Rome. This included statements on purgatory, the adoration of the saints, and, most importantly, the papacy.

Repentance also was a main thought in the Smalcald Articles, taking up about one-fifth of its length. Here Luther describes true repentance and condemns the false repentance taught by the papacy, including work-righteousness, indulgences, and many other corrupt teachings which he had witnessed first-hand.

Addressing purgatory, Luther describes this doctrine’s deadly poison: “So the Mass is used almost solely for the dead, although Christ has instituted the Sacrament solely for the living. Therefore, purgatory, along with every service, rite, and commerce connected with it, should be regarded as nothing more than the devil’s ghost. For it conflicts with the chief article: only Christ, and not human works, are to help souls.”

As far as the adoration of the saints, although this was briefly mentioned in AC XXI, Luther addresses this error head-on and once again shows how it undermines the Gospel, “It does not follow, though, that we should invoke and adore the angels and saints. Nor should we fast, hold festivals, celebrate Mass, make offerings, and establish churches, altars, and divine worship in their honor. Nor should we serve them in other ways or regard them as helpers in times of need. Nor should we divide different kinds of help among them, ascribing to each one a particular form of assistance, as the papists teach and do. This is idolatry. Such honor belongs to God alone.”

Finally, concerning the papacy, Luther wrote: “The pope is not, according to divine law or God’s Word, the head of all Christendom. This name belongs to One only, whose name is Jesus Christ.” “Besides, as is often remarked, the papacy is a human invention that is not commanded and is not necessary but useless. The holy Christian Church can exist very well without such a head. It would certainly have remained purer if such a head had not been raised up by the devil.” And finally, “This teaching shows forcefully that the pope is the true Endchrist or Antichrist. He has exalted himself above and opposed himself against Christ. For he will not permit Christians to be saved without his power...”

So the Smalcald Articles remain a treasure to the holy Christian Church and our Lutheran heritage. I encourage you to read a copy for yourself. It is a treasure waiting to be rediscovered.

In Christ’s Service and Yours,

Pastor Krieg



Were not our hearts
burning within us ...
while he was opening
the scriptures to us?

HOLY
BIBLE

Luke 24:32, NRSV

Through the Bible in One Year – 2023

a personal
commitment to the
faithful study of the
word of God

Copies are being mailed to member
households, and you can download a copy
here:



monday evening adult information class BACK TO THE BASICS!

A new Adult Information Class will begin on **Monday, January 23 at 7:00 PM**. The class will cover the most important teachings of the Bible as they are believed, taught and confessed in this Lutheran Congregation. The class is designed for anyone considering membership in Our Savior Lutheran Church and for members of the congregation who would like a great review of basic Bible doctrine. It should be particularly interesting for both member and non-member school parents to familiarize yourself with what your kids are learning in class every day. The class will meet from 7:00 - 8:30 PM, on Monday evenings, and continue for twelve weeks. Babysitting and refreshments will be provided. Join us on Mondays to go “BACK TO THE BASICS.”



thank you to the many people who helped with the planning, preparation, and execution of our nativity!

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Evelyn Stuhr

Musicians ~

Exulte:

Blake Crabtree
Mikayla Eifert
Julie Hester
Robert O'Neill
David Russ
Mitchell Stephens

Carillon Ringers:

George Boerger
Stephanie Cholak
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Emily Thoeke

Cantate:

Jeff Armstrong
Jackie Lowery
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Emily Thoeke

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Dean Mushinski
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Nathan Russ

Tax Collector:
Karl Baughman



Bethlehem ~

Floating Villagers:

Sarah Baughman
Amanda Crabtree

Roman Soldiers:

Andy Adams
Lee Nino
Rocky Noack





Roman Tavern:

John Thoeke
Kate Thoeke
Diane White

Home at Work:

Leah Kauffman
Valerius, Ambrose, Corin
Maja Stephens



Carpenter:

Chuck Hall
George Baughman
Norman Krieg



Olive Oil/Fine Oils:

Debbie Armstrong
Jill Harvey
Abi Halbert

Leatherworker:

Heath Burtschell
Brynn Burtschell

Potter:

Joel Shaw
Eva Shaw
Samuel Shaw
Magdalena Baughman



Basketmaker:

Diane Kemnitz
Diane Guevara
Emma Guevara
Julie Azzi

Prayers & Meal:

Chad Symcox
Allison Symcox
Ava Symcox
Karen Listi
Rebekah Listi



Weaver:

Shae Lawder
Paige Lawder
Bree Lawder
Ginny Bilbrey
Amelia Bilbrey

Animal Keeper:

Mandy
Halbert
Trip Halbert
Winston Krieg



Market:

Randi Jensen
Rachel Williams
Emily Williams



Village Well:

Bernadette Burtschell
Colleen Crabtree
Maria White
Abigail White
Heidi White



Cider Cart:

Jennifer Krieg
Diana Stephens

Scripture Walk Scenes:

Out of Eden:

Ruben Luna, Adam
Alyssa Luna, Eve



The Prophets:

Eric Fomby
Shaun Downie



The Annunciation:

Madeline Stephens, Mary
August Baughman, Gabriel



John the Baptist:
Bo Guevara

Nativity:

Taylor Mushinski, Joseph
Lydia Mushinski, Mary
Mabel Mushinski, Baby Jesus
Thea Mushinski, angel

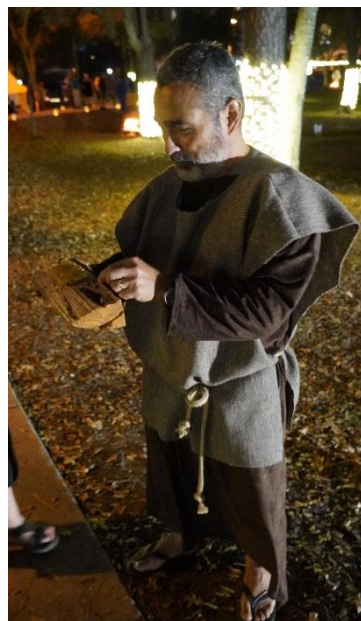


Wise Men:

Gary Schmidt, Balthazar
Tim Gobrogge, Gaspar
Aiden Kleb, Melchior
Conrad Kleb, attendant

Shepherds & Angel:

Tyler Armstrong, angel
Livy Adams
Bennet Collins
Alex Erickson
Cheryl Erickson
Nathan Fleeer
Stella Halbert



Gethsemane:

Jason Stephens, Jesus
Bryan Hall, Peter
Mike Lawder, James
Benjamin Witt, John
Wesley White, angel



Resurrection:

Aaron White, Jesus
Amélie Boerger, Mary Magdalene
Sophia Williams, angel
Emma Witt, angel



Meal/Breakroom for Volunteers:

Desserts:

Cindy Blake
Sharon Edwards
Sandy Fritsche
Emily Lankford
Ruth Schmidt
Pat Smithson

Soup :

Karl Baughman
Mandy Halbert
RK Halbert
Jennifer Krieg

Thank you to the many, many people who donated items, their time, and their talents to make this such a memorable evening!



Memorials:

Gladys Farley (to OSL School)

Herb & Ellie Peterson

Martha Glammeyer

Janis Hervey

Gary & Beverly Hintz (Music Ministry)

Dennis & Jo-Caroll Mueller (OSL School)

Thelma Oberndorfer

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Bob & Pat Wottrich

Mike Henke (to OSL School)

Joel & Diane Robinson

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Roger & Clarissa Worthing

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Norman & Debbie Adams

Laura Boyd

Janis Hervey

LWML Night Circle

LUTHERANS IN AFRICA – May Family

LWML Night Circle

WOKOMA MISSION

Laura Boyd

membership changes

From December 2022

Transfers In:

Jill Harvey from St. Mark, Conroe TX

Marian Rivera from Our Shepherd, Crosby TX

Jeannie Medack from Trinity Downtown

Nathan, Brittney & Charlotte Kemnitz from Mt. Olive Lutheran, Pasadena CA

Baptism:

Silas Christopher Biediger – December 23, 2022

Weddings:

Jackie Lierbo & Michael Morris – November 19, 2022

Emily Copeland & Alec Kemnitz – December 9, 2022

WELCOME 2023

January 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30am Matins 	2 6:30pm Potter's Vessel-FR	3 7:00pm VOTERS MEETING 	4 School Resumes 6:30am Men's Bible Study-BC 10:00am Bible Class-BC 12:00pm Bulletin Deadline	5 3:00pm Prayer Request printing deadline 6:00pm Zoom Bible Study 6:15pm Carillon Ringers 7:00pm Jubilate Choir 7:00pm Lutheran Confessions Bible Study Group-BC	6	7  8:30am Men Alive-A101
8 8:15am Bible Class 8:15am Confirmation Class 9:30am Communion 10:45am Sunday School 12:00pm Laudate 12:00pm Taking Down the Greens 	9 9:00am Joseph's Guild of Colors-LWML 7:00pm Young Adults-YR	10 <i>8:30am Braille</i> <i>6:15pm UH Campus Ministry</i> 6:30pm Trustees 7:00pm Parish Ed mtg-YR	11 6:30am Men's Bible Study-BC 10:00am Bible Class-BC 12:00pm Bulletin Deadline	12 3:00pm Prayer Request printing deadline 6:00pm Zoom Bible Study 6:15pm Carillon Ringers 7:00pm Jubilate Choir	13 9:00am Joseph's Guild of Colors-LWML	14
15  Newsletter Deadline 8:15am Bible Class 8:15am Confirmation Class 9:30am Matins 10:45am Sunday School 12:00pm Life Team Meeting 12:00pm Private Baptism 4:12pm Sr Youth Meeting	16 7:00pm Young Adults-YR	17 <i>6:15pm UH Campus Ministry</i> 7:00pm Elders mtg-BC 7:00pm Night Circle-FR	18 6:30am Men's Bible Study-BC 10:00am Bible Class-BC 12:00pm Bulletin Deadline	19 3:00pm Prayer Request printing deadline 6:00pm Evangelism Meeting - BC 6:00pm Zoom Bible Study 6:15pm Carillon Ringers 7:00pm Jubilate Choir 7:00pm Lutheran Confessions Bible Study Group-BC	20	21
22 8:15am Bible Class 8:15am Confirmation Class 9:30am Communion 10:45am Sunday School 12:00pm Laudate 4:30pm Jr Youth Fusion-A101	23 7:00pm New Member Class-BC 7:00pm Young Adults-YR 	24 <i>6:15pm UH Campus Ministry</i> 7:00pm Parochial Ed-A102E	25 6:30am Men's Bible Study-BC 10:00am Bible Class-BC 12:00pm Bulletin Deadline	26 3:00pm Prayer Request printing deadline 6:00pm Zoom Bible Study 6:15pm Carillon Ringers 7:00pm Jubilate Choir	27  BENEFITTING OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN SCHOOL	28 8:00am Texas Rally for Life  From OSL to Austin, TX
29 8:15am Bible Class 8:15am Confirmation Class 9:30am Matins- Life Sunday 10:45am Sunday School 12:00pm Lutherans For Life Presentation-BC  Welcome Pastor Salemink!	30 7:00pm New Member Class-BC 7:00pm Young Adults-YR	31 <i>6:15pm UH Campus Ministry</i> 7:00pm Parochial Ed-A102E	1 6:30am Men's Bible Study-BC 10:00am Bible Class-BC 12:00pm Bulletin Deadline	2 3:00pm Prayer Request printing deadline 6:00pm Zoom Bible Study 6:15pm Carillon Ringers 7:00pm Jubilate Choir	3	4 8:30am Men Alive-A101

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

those to serve in january 2023

Acolytes	1/01/23	9:30 AM	Livy Adams / Toni Willis
Carts	1/01/23	9:30 AM	Downie Team
Elders	1/01/23	9:30 AM	Bruce Blake / John Wilbanks / Bo Guevara / Aaron White
Evangelism	1/01/23	9:30 AM	Team 4 Karl
Greeters	1/01/23	9:30 AM	Team 8
Sound	1/01/23	9:30 AM	Greenwood
Ushers	1/01/23	9:30 AM	Downie Team
Acolytes	1/08/23	9:30 AM	Katherine Johnson / Abigail White
Altar Guild	1/08/23	9:30 AM	Vickie Nitsch Team
Carts	1/08/23	9:30 AM	Kriegel Team
Comm Asst.	1/08/23	9:30 AM	Bruce Blake / John Wilbanks / Bo Guevara / Aaron White
Elders	1/08/23	9:30 AM	Bruce Blake / John Wilbanks / Bo Guevara / Aaron White
Evangelism	1/08/23	9:30 AM	Team 5 Al
Greeters	1/08/23	9:30 AM	Team 9
Sound	1/08/23	9:30 AM	Blake
Ushers	1/08/23	9:30 AM	Gobrogge Team
Acolytes	1/15/23	9:30 AM	Abby Frazier / Heidi Nitsch
Carts	1/15/23	9:30 AM	Gavin Team
Elders	1/15/23	9:30 AM	Bruce Blake / John Wilbanks / Bo Guevara / Aaron White
Evangelism	1/15/23	9:30 AM	Team 1 Lee
Greeters	1/15/23	9:30 AM	Team 10
Sound	1/15/23	9:30 AM	Whiting
Ushers	1/15/23	9:30 AM	Lehr Team
Acolytes	1/22/23	9:30 AM	Lily Luna / Maja Stephens
Altar Guild	1/22/23	9:30 AM	Barbara Mushinski Team
Carts	1/22/23	9:30 AM	Gerard Team
Comm Asst.	1/22/23	9:30 AM	Bruce Blake / John Wilbanks / Bo Guevara / Aaron White
Elders	1/22/23	9:30 AM	Bruce Blake / John Wilbanks / Bo Guevara / Aaron White
Evangelism	1/22/23	9:30 AM	Team 2 Garry
Greeters	1/22/23	9:30 AM	Team 1
Sound	1/22/23	9:30 AM	Witt
Ushers	1/22/23	9:30 AM	Halbert Team
Acolytes	1/29/23	9:30 AM	Lucas Downie / Giuliana Krieg
Carts	1/29/23	9:30 AM	Adams Team
Elders	1/29/23	9:30 AM	Bruce Blake / John Wilbanks / Bo Guevara / Aaron White
Evangelism	1/29/23	9:30 AM	Team 3 James
Greeters	1/29/23	9:30 AM	Team 2
Sound	1/29/23	9:30 AM	Wilbanks
Ushers	1/29/23	9:30 AM	Downie Team

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| 01 Merri Schoppe | 10 Allison Campbell
Kevin Clothier
Julia Russ | 20 Jackson Lehr |
| 02 Jax Dacus
Noelle Synnott | 11 Patsy Marburger
Ryan Musgrove | 21 Lisa Demoss
Alexander Govella
Avery LaNasa
Ken Seyffert
Noah Sheriff |
| 03 Sophie Adcock
Ainsley Horn
Mary Ann Laird
Heidi Posluszny
Audrey Robison
Jim Straker | 12 David Carter
Amanda Halbert
Thelma Johnson
Debbie White | 22 Christine Weyand |
| 04 Stu Moehlman | 13 Guy Bender | 23 Janie Lankford
Lucas Resendez
Seth Wilbanks |
| 05 Pat Koester
Riley Soileau
Geneva Wilson
Amanda Zorn | 14 Ethelene Marshall
Brad Synnott
Pam Wood
Wade Wood | 24 Jimmy Eifert
Joe Ytuarte |
| 06 Glenda Cochran
Garry Fritsche | 15 Valerius Kauffman | 25 Ben Adams
John Aisenbrey III |
| 07 Magdalena Arri
Stephanie Cholak
Olivia Cochran
Chris Lowery
Barbara Zoch | 16 Laura Fallin
Kenneth Pietsch | 26 Patrick Kim
Lily Luna
Meghan Mushinski |
| 08 Abi Halbert
Hayden Robison | 17 John Coon
Marlene Domann
Gini Fallin
Scott Straker | 28 Stephanie Heefner
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| 09 Keith Huber | 19 Monroe Kasper
Grace Pollock | 30 Jackie Lowery |



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8:00 am-4 pm, Friday

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Serving families for Jesus Christ

**Join us for a groovy gala at Eagle Evening on
Friday, January 27th 2023!**



BENEFITING OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Eagle evening is Our Savior Lutheran School's largest fundraising event of the year.

The funds raised will go directly towards enhancements for the school.

The event includes dinner, drinks, dancing, live and silent auction items.

Please scan QR code for ticketing.



God's Blessings – The Parent Teacher League