



Our Savior Lutheran Church

May 2023 Voice

Mother's DAY


**Bring Mom to church,
Sunday, May 14 @ 9:30 am,
with Holy Communion.**

Proverbs 1:8-9

English Standard Version

The Enticement of Sinners

8 Hear, my son, your father's instruction,
and forsake not your mother's teaching,
9 for they are a graceful garland for your head
and pendants for your neck.



Fellowship Family Fiesta!



Saturday, May 6 @ 6:00pm in the School Cafeteria

Join us for a Fellowship FIESTA Pot-Luck & BINGO Party, Saturday, May 6, at 6:00pm!
Bring your favorite Mexican dish to share, and we will provide the Piñata and drinks!
Remember your white-elephant gifts for the BINGO prizes!

Good time to clean out your treasures, toys, books, music, or bring something fun & new!
We will have some CASH prizes as well!



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,


Christ is risen! He has risen indeed! Easter is a season of rejoicing in the victory of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, over our enemies of sin, death, and the devil. It is a time in the church in which she emerges from the penitential season of Lent into the radiant light of the resurrection. It marks a time of rebirth and renewal, a time of growth and life. It is a time when the whole church of God can celebrate together the empty tomb. Christians around the world lift our voices together to praise our risen Savior, whether we are in Houston, Texas, or a little further down the road. We are united in Christ.

This reality gives us the strength to trust God and His will for our lives. And as my family and I move down the road a bit, we are comforted by our bond of fellowship in Christ Jesus, which no physical distance can overcome. Thank you for listening to God's will as He called me here almost six years ago; I will miss being with you as your pastor. The love and support OSL has shown me is a testament to your faith and love for our Savior, Jesus Christ. You will always hold a special place in my heart and my prayers. Know that I leave with nothing but love for you and fond memories of OSL. The Lord God has done marvelous things through this congregation, and no doubt will continue to do so. Even now, He knows the next pastor who will serve you and bless you soon.

Thank you for your love, support, and prayers. Remember, God is love, and He loves you. My family and I love you, and together in Christ, we rest secure.

Christ is risen! He has risen indeed! Alleluia!

In Christ's Service and Yours,
Pastor Krieg



Come join Nathan Russ as he presents his third cello recital at OSL in the sanctuary, on Wednesday May 24th at 7 PM. The recital will include works by Elgar and Respighi as well as variations on Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming.

Cello Recital

**Wednesday
May 24
7:00 pm**

Baptized into Christ

We give thanks for Katy Kramer who was baptized along with her daughters, Kaitlyn & Kinley on April 10.



Thanksgiving for Benjamin & Henry Grissom as they were baptized into Christ on April 15. Their parents are Robert Grissom & Karen Ettredge.



Thanksgiving for Andrea Brynn Pugh and Austin Byron Pugh V as they were baptized into Christ on April 16. Their parents are Austin & Wendoline Pugh.



Dear OSL Church,

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable. One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts. Psalm 145:1-4

May has arrived and that means we are very close to the end of the school year. Our eighth-grade class will travel to Washington, DC, and our seventh-grade class will take a Texas history trip, as well. We are anticipating great experiences for both classes. We thank Mr. Eifert and Mr. Kemnitz for their efforts to make this possible and enriching for our scholars.

Our music schedule includes our 3rd-grade handbell group and 4th-grade recorder group will be sharing their music in worship on **Sunday, May 7**. It has been a joy to hear the growth of these musicians over the year and it will be a blessing to hear their music shared in our worship. We invite you to join us on **May 18 at 6:30 pm for the Grades 1-8 Fine Arts Festival** where our choirs and musicians will perform and our OSL scholars' artwork will be displayed in an art show. It should be a special evening of art and music.

Our early childhood scholars will present a final program on **Tuesday, May 23 at 9:30 am**, and **Kindergarten graduation** will be in the church that evening **at 6:30 pm**. We invite you to see these special showcases of our young scholars presenting what they have learned throughout this wonderful school year.

The most anticipated day of the year for our oldest scholars, the **Eighth-grade** class, will be their **graduation on Thursday, May 25 at 6:30 pm**. We look forward to celebrating this special group of Eagle scholars who are ready to soar into their high school years. Our graduates plan to continue their education at several schools including Memorial Lutheran School, Wittenberg Academy, Lutheran North Academy, Concordia High School-Tomball, St. Pius X, and HSPVA.

Our fifth through eighth grade scholars spent time this month on a single elimination bracket for the favorite Easter hymn. Our scholars have chosen from the final four of the competition consisting of LSB 457 *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*, LSB 471 *O Sons and Daughters of the King*, LSB 478 *The Day of Resurrection*, and LSB 487 *Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain*. The Finals consisted of LSB 457 and 487. Our scholars chose LSB 457 *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* as the best Easter hymn. We would love to hear what you think! Would you agree? We are so thankful to have the opportunity to sing beautiful hymns about our Lord's resurrection.

He is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Kate Thaelke
Principal



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LUTHERAN SCHOOL

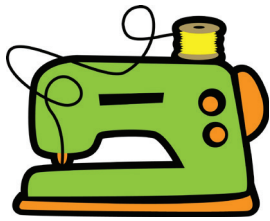


Baby Bottle Boomerang!

LWML Night Circle is sponsoring a baby bottle boomerang from Mother's Day to Father's Day with your contributions helping the Big Blue Bus Project. Collect your spare change for our Baby Bottle Boomerang. Thanks for your support!

Houston Coalition For Life Banquet

The HCFL benefit for the Blue Buses is on Friday, May 12. OSL has one free table because of how much we raised for their Walk last fall. If you would like to go and sit at our table contact Ethelene at 713-542-7534, or catch her at church. First to contact her gets the seats.



Sewing Machines

Joseph's Guild needs sewing machines! Please contact Sandi Hall if you want to help: 281-851-0176. **Thanks!**

Nativity News

Even though summer has not yet begun, we are making plans for the 2023 Nativity. There are several ways you can be involved:

- **Pray for the event!** Pray for the planners and workers who make it happen each year, that our efforts would be centered on sharing the Word and that they would be pleasing to God.
- **Share your time and talents!** If you would like to help or have any ideas, please contact Sarah in the church office and she can connect you with the right people (sbaughman@osl.cc).
- **Donate to the Nativity!** Our plan is to build more sets and scenery this year, but we need funds to do so. If you would like to donate privately or on behalf of your company, please contact Sarah in the church office for details. This year, we plan to include a "Thank You to our Sponsors" page in our visitors' bags.



MOTHER'S DAY SUNDAY

Brisket & Ribs

Your very own OSL Holy Smokers will be firing up the pit once again to prepare smoked brisket and ribs!

Pre-order your 100% cooked-to-perfection brisket (approx. 12-15 lbs. each) and ribs.
Deadline for ordering is Tuesday, May 9.

To reserve your brisket or ribs, please complete the form below, pre-pay for your order, and give it to Diane White (in the school office), Sarah Baughman (in the church office), or RK Halbert (Holy Smoker).

All orders must be **picked up on Saturday, May 13 between the hours of 4:00 to 6:00 pm.**
Orders not picked up by 6:00 pm will be left in the school cafeteria kitchen with your name on it.

Name _____ Phone _____

☐ Brisket (\$100 ea) x Quantity _____

☐ Ribs (\$30 ea or 2 for \$50) x Quantity _____

Total Payment _____

Make checks payable to OSL LWML.

Pickup Date: Saturday, May 13, 2023 in the parking lot near the golf carts from 4:00 to 6:00 pm



LWML

Cheerful Helpers
Texas District

All proceeds to benefit OSL LWML Cheerful Helpers missions. To learn more about the missions that the Cheerful Helpers support, ask one of our members who would love to tell you more about the missions and the group.

Thank you for your support!

Memorials

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

Mike Henke
Carol Henke (*Forward Faithfully, OSL School, Choir*)
Mary Jones (*OSL School*)
Rich Eyerly (*OSL School*)

Herb Peterson
Jim Nitsch
Arlene Wottrich

Honorariums

DR Fritsche Family Mission
Norman Adams
Laura Boyd
Lon & Mimi Huse

Africa – May Family
OSL Night Circle

Africa – Wokoma
Laura Boyd
Lon & Mimi Huse

Calling Graduates!

Any graduates in your house?
In our June newsletter it's tradition to celebrate our high school and college graduates. Send information to Barbara at: bmushinski@osl.cc.

Deadline is Monday, May 15.

What to include: graduate's name, school's name, type of college degree, awards, special accomplishments, and future plans (accepted to a college, joining the military, hired by a company, etc.)

Thank you, thank you, OSL family!

We are so blessed to be a part of this loving, caring Christian family. We, OSL, were able to make a substantial contribution to the military family with six young boys, the Andersons, who suddenly lost wife and mom, Angela, due to sepsis after a surgery. We all know it's as much a blessing to give as it is to receive, but I just had to send a heartfelt thank you to everyone who gave. I'd give you all a hug but that might make you slightly uncomfortable.

May God bless and keep you all,

Darcie Wilbanks

Membership Changes

As of the Elder's Meeting April 2023

INCOMING:

Baptisms:

Katy Kramer – April 10, 2023
Kaitlyn Kramer – April 10, 2023
Kinley Kramer – April 10, 2023

Julie Azzi – April 12, 2023

Benjamin Grissom – April 15, 2023
Henry Grissom – April 15, 2023

Andrea Pugh – April 16, 2023
Austin Pugh V – April 16, 2023

Weddings:

Chris Wukasch & Marian Rivera – March 31, 2023

Kathryn Cherington & Avery Anguiano – April 14, 2023

OUTGOING:

Transfer Out:

Daniel, Alison, Benjamin, Elisabeth & Katie Horstman to Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Houston

David & Evelyn Hempy to Trinity Klein


Pastor Kelly Krieg to Bethlehem Lutheran in William Penn, TX

Deaths:

Elson E. Held – March 24, 2023

Herb Peterson – April 2, 2023

May 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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 New Member Class-BC 7:00pm Young Adults-YR	2 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-FR 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  6:00pm Fellowship Family Fiesta BINGO-A101
7 8:15am Bible Class 9:30am Matins 10:45am Sunday School 4:12pm Sr Youth Meeting	8 9:00am Joseph's Guild of Colors-LWML 7:00pm Young Adults-YR	9 <i>8:30am Braille</i> <i>6:00pm UH Campus Ministry</i> 6:30pm Trustees-BC 7:00pm Parish Ed mtg-YR	10 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-FR 5:30pm F.A.S.T. Classes with supper 	11 3:00pm Prayer Request printing deadline 6:15pm Carillon Ringers 7:00pm Jubilate Choir 7:00pm Zoom Bible Study	12 9:00am Joseph's Guild of Colors-LWML  6:30pm Houston Coalition for Life Banquet	13
14 Mother's Day 8:15am Bible Class 9:30am Communion 10:45am Sunday School 12:00pm Laudate-Choir Rm 	15  ARTICLE DEADLINE Newsletter Deadline 7:00pm Young Adults-YR	16 <i>6:00pm UH Campus Ministry</i> 7:00pm Elders mtg-BC 7:00pm Night Circle-FR	17 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-FR 5:30pm F.A.S.T. Classes 	18 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	19	20 10:00am GEMS YOUTH in Mission-LWML Group-YR 
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28 Pentecost 8:15am Bible Class 9:30am Communion 10:45am Sunday School 12:00pm Laudate-Choir Rm 4:30pm Jr Youth Fusion-YR 	29 <i>Church Office closed</i> 	30 <i>6:00pm UH Campus Ministry</i> 7:00pm Parochial Ed-A102E	31 6:30am Men's Bible Study-BC 10:00am Bible Class-BC 12:00pm Bulletin Deadline	1 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	2	3 8:30am Men Alive-A101

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

Those To Serve – May 2023

Acolytes	05/07/23	9:30 AM	Abby Frazier / Giuliana Krieg
Carts	05/07/23	9:30 AM	Gavin Team
Elders	05/07/23	9:30 AM	Alan Fritsche / Brian Nitsch / Channing Wood / Bill Prestwood
Evangelism	05/07/23	9:30 AM	Team 2 Garry
Greeters	05/07/23	9:30 AM	Team 4
Sound	05/07/23	9:30 AM	Wilbanks
Ushers	05/07/23	9:30 AM	Downie Team
Acolytes	05/14/23	9:30 AM	Heidi Nitsch / Maja Stephens
Altar Guild	05/14/23	9:30 AM	Barbara Mushinski Team
Carts	05/14/23	9:30 AM	Stephens Team
Comm Asst.	05/14/23	9:30 AM	Brian Nitsch / Channing Wood / Bill Prestwood / James Kriegel
Elders	05/14/23	9:30 AM	Alan Fritsche / Brian Nitsch / Channing Wood / Bill Prestwood
Evangelism	05/14/23	9:30 AM	Team 3 James
Greeters	05/14/23	9:30 AM	Team 5
Sound	05/14/23	9:30 AM	Greenwood
Ushers	05/14/23	9:30 AM	Gobrogge Team
Acolytes	05/21/23	9:30 AM	Lorenzo Gonzales / Ava Symcox / Abigail White / Evan Wood / Tyler Wood
Carts	05/21/23	9:30 AM	Adams Team
Elders	05/21/23	9:30 AM	Alan Fritsche / Brian Nitsch / Channing Wood / Bill Prestwood
Evangelism	05/21/23	9:30 AM	Team 4 Karl
Greeters	05/21/23	9:30 AM	Team 6
Sound	05/21/23	9:30 AM	Blake
Ushers	05/21/23	9:30 AM	Lehr Team
Acolytes	05/28/23	9:30 AM	Blake Farr / Lance Holman / Aiden Kleb / Lily Luna / Toni Willis
Altar Guild	05/28/23	9:30 AM	Diana Stephens Team
Carts	05/28/23	9:30 AM	Pampell Team
Comm Asst.	05/28/23	9:30 AM	Brian Nitsch / Channing Wood / Bill Prestwood / James Kriegel
Elders	05/28/23	9:30 AM	Alan Fritsche / Brian Nitsch / Channing Wood / Bill Prestwood
Evangelism	05/28/23	9:30 AM	Team 5 Al
Greeters	05/28/23	9:30 AM	Team 7
Sound	05/28/23	9:30 AM	Whiting
Ushers	05/28/23	9:30 AM	Halbert Team



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Worship Sundays at 9:30am
Bible Classes at 8:15 & 10:45am

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

1 Acelynn Akhtar
Janan Biehle
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Rachel Williams

2 Natalie Turney
Meagan Zorn

4 Nancy Carter
Trip Halbert

5 Paul Bohls
Gunnar Nitsch

6 Debbie Armstrong
Paul Crabtree, III
Margie Green

7 Henry Boundy
Jeannie Medack

8 Ava Symcox
Michelle Wright

9 Patrick Cochran, Jr.
Micah Eckert
Caroline Key
Ryder Musgrove

10 Shavonne Lucas
Toni Willis

12 Corin Kauffman
Kinley Kramer

13 Brandon Armstrong
Diana DeForest
John Listi
Darcy Skweres
Roger Worthing

14 Madison Kachelmeier
Paul Rubalcava
Matthew Schlanser

15 Tamara Aisenbrey
Kimberly Leaton
Samantha Tannert

16 Liam Arri
Nicki Pampell

17 Alex LaNasa
Kelsi Moore
Jeff Musgrove
Chelsie Pigeon

18 Hope Edmondson
Alexia Gonzales
Lorelei Niggli
Waverly Ward

19 William Lierbo
Jessica Shem

20 Lynette Cherington
Isabelle Frazier

21 Gladys Bobo
Trevor Holman

22 Amanda Curtin
Melanija Jokic
Alana Ramirez

23 William Garcia

24 Pastor Cholak
Conrad Kleb
Emily Lankford
Allison Symcox

25 Aria Ferrarese
Janis Hervey

26 Peyton Payne
Jeannine Petree
Lillie Ripple

27 Elyssa Mushinski
Stephanie Pollock
Kathy Temple

29 Prynce Willis

30 Alison Cook
Trey Davis
Bill Lierbo
Craig Valka

31 Art Vasquez, Jr.
Maria White
Caitlin Worthing

May Birthdays

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Serving Families for Jesus Christ

Return Service Requested



MEMORIAL DAY

**PRECIOUS IN THE SIGHT OF THE LORD
IS THE DEATH OF HIS FAITHFUL ONES.**

PSALM 116:15, NRSV

***Article entry deadline is May 15 for June's issue**