## **OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN'S**



### a psalm of david:

**Psalm 28:7** 

English Standard Version

The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults,

and with my song I give thanks to him.



## Worship with us for Thanksgiving:

Wednesday Evening November 23, at 7:00 PM

Thursday Morning November 24, at 9:30 AM

> Both services will have Holy Communion



# thanksgiving services

#### dear brothers and sisters in christ:

It is hard to believe but we have now made our way through all twenty-eight articles of the Augsburg Confession. So what now? Well, once our Lutheran forefathers had presented the Confession to Emperor Charles V in 1530, at the Diet of Augsburg, the Roman church proceeded to give a response to each article. This was known as The Roman Confutation. The Lutherans were refused a copy of the Confutation unless they would agree to three conditions: they not publish it; they not respond to it, and they adhere to its teachings. Obviously, they were unwilling to accept these conditions, so the only text the Lutherans had of the Confutation was one compiled from the notes taken by Melanchthon and others during the public reading of the Confutation and some of the meetings in the days that followed.

After Rome had condemned many of the teachings of the Augsburg Confession, the Lutherans prepared a lengthy defense and presented it. This was known as the Apology of the Augsburg Confession. The purpose was to show that the Confutation had not disproved anything in the Augsburg Confession on the basis of Scripture.

The Apology was so named (not in the sense of an acknowledgment of offense or failure, but in the sense of a justification or defense) because it was to serve as a defense of the Augsburg Confession. Although the Apology was never accepted by the emperor, it still became an important document for the Lutheran Church.

There is still great value in the Apology for us today. The first is its depth and attention to detail. It is more than seven times longer than the Augsburg Confession. There is much greater insight and explanation on many of the articles that were presented concisely in the Augsburg Confession.

Second is the theological nature of the document. The purpose of the Apology was to defend the Augsburg Confession and refute the often-technical attacks made in the Confutation. For this reason, the Apology is more polemical in nature, vigorously attacking the teaching of the Roman Church.

Finally, there is an overwhelming emphasis on the doctrine of Justification which takes up almost one-third of the Apology. Not only was the article on Justification the longest of the articles, but you will notice that it bleeds into all the other articles as well. It is made clear that all the articles of our faith must be understood in the light of the doctrine of justification by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. It is this truth, which never becomes outdated, that makes the Apology still relevant and full of meaning for us today!

In Christ's Service and Yours,

Pastor Krieg

## Brighten this thanksgiving for our shut-ins!

Each year our Sunday School students bless our OSL Shut-Ins with baskets of treats and handmade cards for Thanksgiving.

The whole congregation is asked to bring single-serve items such as:

GRANOLA BARS, FRUIT CUPS, COOKIES, CRACKERS, SINGLE-SERVE SOUP, TUNA, & CHICKEN.



## Bring your donations on Sundays, November 13 & 20.

1st Grade—6th Grade, will meet in the Cafeteria and Kinder and younger classes will meet in their classrooms to prepare baskets, November 20.

Thank you for helping!

### dear osl church families,

We give thanks to you, O God; we give thanks, for your name is near. We recount your wondrous deeds. At the set time that I appoint, I will judge with equity. When the earth totters, and all its inhabitants, it is I

who keep steady its pillars. Psalm 75:1-3

It is a great comfort to have a God who cares for us and keeps us steady as we share His Word and live to serve Him and our neighbor. In the school, we have had the privilege to share Households of Faith with our community on Wednesday evenings.



Mrs. Cherington is currently working on her major SLED (School Leadership Development) project on parent education. In this study, we learned how important hospitality is to the vitality of sharing our faith with our children. We are working to create a sense of hospitality at the school as we consider how the church and school are part of an entire household of faith. We are grateful to you, our church members, for providing us with this household of faith and sharing hospitality with our community through the school. Our Reformation Lutherfest is a great example of opening the campus beyond the school to the community. We look forward to more opportunities like this to share fellowship and love with our neighbors.





We completed the first quarter mid-month and invited our parents to join us for conferences to share the progress of their OSL scholar. Our Logic School scholars in 7th and 8th grades did very well on the Classical Learning Test 8 performing higher than the national average! We are thankful for the careful classical Lutheran instruction given by our Logic School teachers and for the foundation given to our scholars in the earlier grammar years.

Our PTL will kick-off the annual Bid for Kids fundraiser on November 9. We appreciate your support and financial donations to the school. We will also celebrate with a Thanksgiving Feast on Thursday, November 17. This is a great event when we are able to share a Thanksgiving meal with parents, grandparents, and special friends. Our scholars present a song and recitation for the event. This Thanksgiving we give special thanks for Our Savior Lutheran Church for providing us with a school where we share the Good News with His most precious children.



We are hoping to open our modular classrooms this month. We have patiently waited for the city to grant us occupancy permits. We ask that you join us in prayer so we can continue to use all the space God has given us to teach our scholars.

May God continue to grant us His grace and provisions each day. We thank Him for His daily bread, His love, and His forgiveness.

Thank you for continuing to support our beloved school.

In His service. Mrs. Kate Thoelke



## life issues...

The OSL Life Team has been bringing in speakers to talk on various topics during this fall's FAST class. We recognize that life is precious in God's sight in all phases, all ages, all conditions.



Christina Lesher presented on planning for end-of-life care decisions. This is a difficult topic to bring up with family members but is much better talked about before the need arises. This includes all kinds of issues such as durable power of attorney, medical power of attorney, DNR orders, directives to physicians, palliative care, and hospice. If you missed her talk, we can provide a copy of the

presentation material and contact information for Christina to answer questions directly.

Alex Yutzey talked to us about the challenges that returning veterans face and how Camp Hope serves this group. PTSD is real and the toll on veterans is staggering. Camp Hope is a temporary residential facility in the Houston area that provides a safe space so that those suffering the effects of PTSD can experience healing. Again, if you want to learn more, we can provide contact information.

Our first speaker in November will be Elyssa Mushinski of Houston Coalition for Life, guiding us on how to talk about abortion with others. Her talk is based on the book, "What to Say When," by Shawn Carney and Steve Karlen. Please plan to attend her presentation. We also have a limited number of autographed copies of "What to Say When" if you'd like it for further study.

Elyssa's talk is an excellent preview of our upcoming (January 29, 2023) presentation by Rev. Salemink on this very same theme. Please mark your calendar for both Elyssa on November 2 and Rev. Salemink in January.

*Life Team* – a group of rescued people that exists to equip rescued people to rescue people.

Bruce Blake bruceablake@comcast.net 713-459-7508



Rev. Michael W. Salemink Lutherans For Life Executive Director



### osl blanket ministry needs:

Would anyone with a computer sewing machine be willing to embroider "Jesus Loves Me" on our baby blankets that we give to the expectant mothers we minister to on the Blue Buses? Sharlyn Pilgrim can't keep up! We have another lady lined up, not LCMS, after the first of the year, but we still could use another helping hand and/or machine. Thanks for your consideration!

### osl life team got first place!

Thanks to all your generous contributions for the Walk for Life, we raised \$58,124.69, and reached 1st Place! All the proceeds go to Houston Coalition for Life, to assist them in saving babies' lives and assisting the mothers and families with various needs. We give thanks for you ALL! God bless you!



## Fellowship And Study Together Wednesdays, Nov 2 & 9

## Supper @ 5:30pm in the School Cafeteria Class @ 6:30pm • Evening Prayer @ 7:35pm

Classes: Pastor Cholak - The Book of Ephesians • Pastor Krieg - Heresies in the Church •

Bruce Blake - Life Issues with Elyssa Mushinski: How to Defend Life -We will discuss the basics of law, science, and abortion surrounding this issue before we delve into the techniques of talking with abortion advocates. We'll go over how you might respond and... what NOT to say.

Lynette Cherington - Battle for the American Mind: Pete Hegseth & David Goodwin's book will help us recover a lost philosophy of education – grounded in virtue and excellence – that can arm future generations to fight for freedom. It's called classical Christian education.

Amanda Halbert - Teen LWML "Shine" Study • Sarah Baughman - Emotions and the Gospel

## dearly beloved supporters:

Blessed new month of October 2022; and Happy Independence Day!

God works in mysterious ways, or so the saying goes. To fallen sinners, His ways can seem downright ridiculous. But God plans and executes His will, no matter how absurd it appears to our human minds. Imagine a country that obtained her independence sixty-two years ago from Great Britain, yet still is in darkness as the Muslims constantly persecute Christian believers in that country. The Christians in the country of Nigeria are in pain, struggling with Mission work and general life challenges, in particular as the Muslim-dominated leaders fight against Christian freedom, while others prepare to celebrate freedom and our Independence Day. God says, "My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways" (Isaiah 55:8).

Today, Nigerians celebrate Independence Day. In the morning hours, children will parade the streets around their school. Some will do same in the state parks and stadiums. Tonight, fireworks will illuminate and echo through the streets, waterfronts, and compounds. With every "wow," "oooh," and "ahhh" at the shimmering lights in the sky, look to Jesus, the Light of the world. He is the source of, well, everything, in this celebration and in the new month of October 2022 which is the beginning of campaigns for the coming general elections of the country in February, 2023.

So, my beloved sponsors, join me in taking this calamity of our fellow believers in Christ to His throne of grace:

Almighty God, throughout history, You give protection, strength, wisdom, understanding, and salvation to Your people. Kneeling before You, we ask You to embolden our brethren in Africa, especially those in Nigeria, to carry Your saving message to the cities where they live. We pray that You will remain with the nation of Nigeria. We call on You to heal the pain of the believers. Give them protection from all evil that tries to destroy them. Confuse and destroy the plans of those who are not governing honestly or with integrity. Yet again, give the leaders wisdom to govern as You want them to. Bless the leaders to follow Your ways, that the nation of Nigeria in West-Africa might honor and glorify You, from dealings in the smallest hamlets to international diplomatic affairs. Send Your Spirit to everyone in Africa, in particular in Nigeria, so Your Word may be spread from sea to sea, desert to desert. We praise You for the freedom of the nation and, most importantly, for freeing Your children from the shackles of sin, death, and the devil. May the citizens therefore love their neighbors as themselves ... reflecting how You loved them and all the world. Amen. Christ, have mercy and grant them peace. Amen.

My very compassionate sponsors: Have a very fruitful, healthy new month of October 2022 and a blessed, joyous Independence Day, in Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Wokoma.

1 Tim. 1:15.

## membership changes from the elders meeting - october 2022

#### **Incoming Transfer:**

Joseph & Diane Hartwick from Resurrection Lutheran, Houston

Jeannie Medack from Trinity Lutheran Downtown

#### Baptisms:

Mateo Alejandro Kotico – October 2, 2022

Layla Blake Armstrong – October 16, 2022

Mateo Galen Avalos – October 23, 2022

#### Wedding:

Ian & Catherine Schatte – October 8, 2022

#### **Outgoing Transfer:**

Dana & Dana Gerard to Immanuel Lutheran, Houston

Colin Boyles to Zion Lutheran, Houston

JW, Lauren, Corban, & Christyana Boyles to Shepherd of the Springs, Colorado Springs, CO

#### Death:

Edward Otter – October 2, 2022



## Baptized into christ:

Thanksgiving for Mateo Alejandro Kotico (of Ida O'Neill's family) who was baptized, Oct 2; Parents are Ivan & Maria Kotico, and sponsors are Iris Kotico and Matt Pallesen.

Layla Blake Armstrong became a child of God, Oct 16; Her parents are Brandon & Kasey Armstrong, and her sponsors are Lauren Montalvo and Tyler Zapata.



Mateo Galen Avalos was born again, Oct 23, pictured here with the Crook Family, his daughter Noelle, and Pastor Krieg.



## november 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6:15pm UH Campus Ministry 6:30pm Fall Music Festival 7:00pm Church Council-BC	9:45am School Chapel 10:00am Bible Class-BC 12:00pm Bulletin Deadline 5:30pm F.A.S.T. Supper-A101	3 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	4	5 8:30am Men Alive- A101 10:00am Nativity Work Day-BC Fall Back @ Midnight
8:15am Bible Class 8:15am Confirmation Class 9:30am Matins - All Saints Festival 10:45am Sunday School 12:00pm Exultae 4:12pm Sr Youth Meeting 6:00pm Coed Volleyball	7:00pm Young Adults-YR	8 8:30am Braille 6:15pm UH Campus Ministry 6:30pm Trustees 7:00pm Parish Ed mtg-YR	9:45am School Chapel 10:00am Bible Class-BC 12:00pm Bulletin Deadline	10 3:00pm Prayer Request printing deadline 6:00pm Zoom Bible Study 6:15pm Carillon Ringers 7:00pm Jubilate Choir	Veterans Day 8:00 AM Men Alive Golf Tournament 9:00am Joseph's Guild of Colors- LWML 5:00pm Wedding rehearsal	12 11:00am Bon Appetit 4:00pm Crook/Avalos Wedding
13 8:15am Bible Class 8:15am Confirmation Class 9:30am 9:30am Baptism - Communion 10:45am Sunday School 12:00pm Laudate 6:00pm Coed Volleyball	14 9:00am Joseph's Guild of Colors- LWML 7:00pm Young Adults-YR	Newsletter Deadline 6:15pm UH Campus Ministry 7:00pm Elders mtg-BC 7:00pm Night Circle-FR	16 6:30am Men's Bible Study-BC 9:45am School Chapel 10:00am Bible Class-BC 12:00pm Bulletin Deadline	17 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	18	19 1:00pm Rugby 4:00pm Lierbo/Morris Wedding
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## those to serve in **NOVEMBER 2022**

Acolytes	11/06/22	9:30 AM	Blake Farr / Lance Holman / Kendall Horn / Ava Symcox /
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Carts	11/06/22	9:30 AM	Downie Team
Elders	11/06/22	9:30 AM	Brad Whiting / Brad Synnott / Glenn Frazier / Ken Thompson
Evangelism	11/06/22	9:30 AM	Team 1 Garry
Greeters	11/06/22	9:30 AM	Team 3
Sound	11/06/22	9:30 AM	Wilbanks
Ushers	11/06/22	9:30 AM	Halbert Team
Acolytes	11/13/22	9:30 AM	Lucas Downie / Kaden Resendez
Altar Guild	11/13/22	9:30 AM	Vickie Nitsch Team
Carts	11/13/22	9:30 AM	Kriegel Team
Comm Asst.	11/13/22	9:30 AM	Brad Whiting / Glenn Frazier / Ken Thompson / Brad Synnott
Elders	11/13/22	9:30 AM	Brad Whiting / Brad Synnott / Glenn Frazier / Ken Thompson
Evangelism	11/13/22	9:30 AM	Team 2 Ken
Greeters	11/13/22	9:30 AM	Team 4
Sound	11/13/22	9:30 AM	Greenwood
Ushers	11/13/22	9:30 AM	Downie Team
Acolytes	11/20/22	9:30 AM	Matthew O'Neill / Tyler Wood
Carts	11/20/22	9:30 AM	Gavin Team
Elders	11/20/22	9:30 AM	Brad Whiting / Brad Synnott / Glenn Frazier / Ken Thompson
Evangelism	11/20/22	9:30 AM	Team 3 James
Greeters	11/20/22	9:30 AM	Team 5
Sound	11/20/22	9:30 AM	Blake
Ushers	11/20/22	9:30 AM	Gobrogge Team
Acolytes	11/23/22	7:00 PM	Giuliana Krieg / Heidi Nitsch
Altar Guild	11/23/22	7:00 PM	Amanda Crabtree Team / Clarissa Worthing Team
Carts	11/23/22	7:00 PM	Gerard Team
Comm Asst.	11/23/22	7:00 PM	Brad Whiting / Glenn Frazier / Ken Thompson / Brad Synnott
Elders	11/23/22	7:00 PM	Brad Whiting / Brad Synnott / Glenn Frazier / Ken Thompson

Evangelism	11/23/22	7:00 PM	Team 3 James
Greeters	11/23/22	7:00 PM	Team 6
Sound	11/23/22	7:00 PM	Whiting
Ushers	11/23/22	7:00 PM	Lehr Team
Altar Guild	11/24/22	9:30 AM	Amanda Crabtree Team / Clarissa Worthing Team
Carts	11/24/22	9:30 AM	Adams Team
Comm Asst.	11/24/22	9:30 AM	Brad Whiting / Glenn Frazier / Ken Thompson / Brad Synnott
Elders	11/24/22	9:30 AM	Brad Whiting / Brad Synnott / Glenn Frazier / Ken Thompson
Evangelism	11/24/22	9:30 AM	Team 3 James
Greeters	11/24/22	9:30 AM	Team 7
Sound	11/24/22	9:30 AM	Witt
Ushers	11/24/22	9:30 AM	Halbert Team
Acolytes	11/27/22	9:30 AM	Cade Witt / Evan Wood
Altar Guild	11/27/22	9:30 AM	Diana Stephens Team
Carts	11/27/22	9:30 AM	Pampell Team
Comm Asst.	11/27/22	9:30 AM	Brad Whiting / Glenn Frazier / Ken Thompson / Brad Synnott
Elders	11/27/22	9:30 AM	Brad Whiting / Brad Synnott / Glenn Frazier / Ken Thompson
Evangelism	11/27/22	9:30 AM	Team 4 Karl
Greeters	11/27/22	9:30 AM	Team 8
Sound	11/27/22	9:30 AM	Wilbanks
Ushers	11/27/22	9:30 AM	Downie Team
Acolytes	11/30/22	7:00 PM	Dane Crook / Abby Frazier / Lily Luna
Carts	11/30/22	7:00 PM	Pampell Team
Elders	11/30/22	7:00 PM	Brad Whiting / Brad Synnott / Glenn Frazier / Ken Thompson
Evangelism	11/30/22	7:00 PM	Team 4 Karl
Greeters	11/30/22	7:00 PM	Team 9
Sound	11/30/22	7:00 PM	Greenwood
Ushers	11/30/22	7:00 PM	Gobrogge Team
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# SAVE THE DATE FRIDAY, 11.11.22

# OSL MEN ALIVE 18TH ANNUAL CHARITY **GOLF TOURNAMENT**

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Elizabeth Campbell
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Gus Hillegeist
Timp & Beeky Edo
Gus & Eunice Hillegeist
Barbara Currier (OSL School Scholarship)
Darlene Mercer
Janet Nitschke
Bob & Pat Wottrich



(to OSL School) **Burns Family** National Fence Company Michael & Glynda Murphy Dennis Theiss **Doris Theiss** Debra Wied



## Missions:

FRITSCHE Dominican Republic Mission..... Norman & Debbie Adams Laura Boyd WOKOMA Mission.....

Laura Boyd

## upcoming christmas concerts

We are pleased to announce the 2022 Christmas concerts of the Houston Lutheran Chorale. The Chorale has joined together again and invites you enjoy our presentation of carols and festival songs. We are sure you will enjoy the celebration of Christ's birth as much as we enjoy singing for you.

## A Festival of Carols

Saturday, December 3, 2022 7:30 PM Memorial Lutheran, Katy, 5810 Third Street, Katy

Sunday, December 4, 2022 4:00 PM Trinity Lutheran – Downtown, 800 Houston Ave., Houston



- Jacob Pampell 1 **Sharon Rankin** Charles Valka
- 2 Janelle Gbur
- **Heidi White** 3
- Wallace Kleb
- 5 Michelle Bush **Laurie Clothier**
- 6 Kim Hess
- **Christine Gutierrez** Roger Naumann **Ann Putman Margaret Vasquez**
- **Skylar Armstrong** Olen Curry Jr Barbara Freeman
- 10 Amy Adams **Emily Cherington** Cecilia Noble
- 11 Blake Farr
- 12 Jennifer Bennett
- 13 Lindsey Savage

- 14 Jimmy Naskrent Dan Queen Adam Soileau
- 15 Charlie Ganze Reagan Morrissey
- 16 Alvin Fritsche Ricky Leger Katie Ripple Megan Ripple **Garry Stuhr**
- 17 Mimi Huse **Terry Tomchesson**
- 18 Philip Bush Jr. JJ Deforest Mitchell Stephens **Adam Tannert Tabitha Waiser**
- 19 Linda Greenwood **Ross Petree**
- 21 Ryan Armstrong **Anthony Cooper** Virginia Evers Linda Friedrich Stephani Payne
- 22 Michelle Wakefield
- 23 Jim Petree

- 24 Karen Ytuarte
- 25 Pam Dougherty **Ryan Petree**
- 27 Heath Burttschell **Adam Demoss** Kimberly Fleeks Joshua Martens Clarence Pampell **Hayden Payne Emily Williams**
- 28 Madison Bukenya Kaylee Hill
- 29 Don Kaiser **Debbie Lazarine**
- 30 Sharon Edwards

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Serving families for Jesus Christ



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<sup>\*\*</sup>Article entry deadline is November 15 for December's issue\*\*