

OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN'S **VOICE** OCTOBER 2022

Reformation Lutherfest

Sunday, October 30

Worship Service • 9:30 am

Church Sanctuary with Choir, Bells & Brass

Sunday School • 10:45 am

Lutherfest • 12:00 – 3:00 pm

Gym & Outside Pavilion

Great Food, Fellowship, FUN & Games,

Live Entertainment & Dancing by Das Ist Lustig!

- Delicious Food cooked up by the Holy Smokers!
 - Bouncy Houses! • Face Painters! Hayrides! and...
- “95 Pieces” Trunk or Treat!**

We are asking the various church groups of our congregation to decorate a car, and provide treats for the kids! Individuals are welcome to submit a car & treats as well! Guidelines and Entry Form are here: <https://osl.cc/trunk-or-treat-signup>



**Bring your family and
friends, young and old,
and fun for all!**

"95 Pieces" Trunk or Treat Reformation Lutherfest!

If you plan to participate with your vehicle, please read!



Trunk or Treat Guidelines

Please register, at no cost, to save your spot here: <https://osl.cc/trunk-or-treat-signup>

Participating vehicles will need to be parked in the lot by the Early Childhood Building, Gym and Playground no later than **11:45 am** (*or simply park there before church*), **Sunday, October 30, 2022.**

Open up and decorate your trunk or the back of your vehicle. Please, **NOTHING** spooky, gory, or violent – please keep decorations and costumes “kid friendly.” Possibilities could include a Reformation theme, sports, comic characters, Biblical, exotic locations, a particular decade – and can be as elaborate or simple as you wish. If lights are needed, please make sure they’re battery powered, as electricity will not be available on site.

Please be health conscious for yourself and others. We are inviting all to take part and want all to feel safe. Consider laying out treats individually so the child can grab one and not dig through a bowl. A table could be used to separate you from the crowd so you can still stock the table with candy but remain socially distant. If you would like to dress up as well, consider a costume with gloves, and a mask as part of the ensemble. Remain at your vehicle for the duration of the event. Bring some lawn chairs to sit in and compliment the kids’ costumes! Meet a family! Have fun!

For candy, please only bring store-bought individually wrapped treats. Or consider giving out a non-candy treat (bubbles, toys, other small prizes). We could have over 200 children at the event.

This year’s event is 3 hours, ending at 3:00 pm. For safety reasons, please plan to stay parked and decorated until 3pm, breaking down your decorations and leaving after that. If you would like to donate leftover, individually wrapped candy after this event to go to active US troops, there will be a container at the event for your donations. Questions? Contact the church office: 713-290-9087.

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST:

God sends forth his holy Word into our hearts to plant faith (Romans 10:17). It has to come from outside of us. In Latin that's extra nos. The Holy Spirit has called us by the Gospel, enlightened us with his gifts, even as he sanctifies and keeps us in the true faith. Left on our own we could do nothing, even with the Holy Spirit calling and gifting, our sinful nature fights, kicking and screaming, to keep our old sinful ways and to rejoice in our own desires and pleasures.

God knows that our Old Adam keeps showing his head and tempting us to sin and great shame and vice. He is extremely generous with his Gospel (Psalm 23:5). He is extremely slow to anger and he is abounding in steadfast love (Exodus 34:6). He daily and richly forgives your sins. He calls you to where his Word is preached and his sacraments are given and where his people are gathered around those holy things.

Dear Christian, the attack, which we know so well, is heightened and intensified toward our children. The desire of the devil is to destroy the faith of our little ones and knock our children off the path that God's Word has set for them. Our enemies have rallied the world to an open and frontal attack. They use television, the internet, professional sports clubs, and all matter of common and daily aspects of our life. The Lord is not unaware of the cunning nature of the enemy. He provides, equips, guards, and protects. How does he do it? With his Word. It is the measuring stick for everything in this body and life. He encourages us to a life with the Word in our homes, in our daily routines, in our lives. The job of the Christian parent is to teach this Word in your home and to proclaim it in your family's hearing. God calls parents to make his Word part of your daily speech and conversation (Deuteronomy 6:7). Martin Luther sets up his Small Catechism with each section marked, "As the head of the house should teach..."

We know that the Word of God is powerful, reliable, and applicable to everything in life. We confess that the Bible is God's own inerrant and infallible Word. We know that the Holy Spirit carried along and inspired the biblical writers. That Word describes itself as a sharp two-edged sword. Let us not run from this confession. The Lord has fit this sword, his Word, for the hands of his people, for your life and the lives of your children. The story is our story. The Word is our word. The King is our King and he lives forever. Our children and our families need this Word—they need Jesus.

A life centered on the Word starts on Sunday morning. The Lord gives rest and nourishes his people by the preaching of his Word and the giving of the Sacrament during the church service. The Lord hones and sharpens his Word in our mind and heart through study and mutual conversation and consolation. Whenever you can join Sunday School and Bible Study, the Lord is at Work to feed and strengthen. On the back of our weekly prayer bulletin is a short order of service that can be used in the living room with your family or with your spouse. It's titled, "Our families pray." You can use all the parts or just some of them to fit your day or situation.

Thanks be to God that he has given us his Word and has showered us with his love. We find strength in his victory over sin and death and the devil. Jesus has won the victory for you and your children and he is with you.

Pastor Cholak

new campus ministry to the university of houston:

Please help spread the word. A new outreach and Bible study is being held at the Student Center South on Tuesdays at 6:15 p.m. If you know of a U of H student that would like to attend, please spread the word and let Pastor Cholak know, too (scholak@osl.cc).

FALL F.A.S.T. (FELLOWSHIP AND STUDY TOGETHER)

will be held **October 12** through **November 9**. Plan to join us for a light meal at 5:30pm on Wednesdays, a short study at 6:30 (*many from which to choose*), and evening prayer this fall. Look for more information and class descriptions on the OSL website and the weekly bulletin.



Would you like to teach? Would you like more information? Please contact Pastor Cholak at scholak@osl.cc.



LWML White Oak Zone presents

Fall Rally & Prayer Service

Sunday, October 2nd

Registration Begins at 1:30pm - **Event at 2:00pm**

In-person at **Gethsemane Lutheran Church** – 4040 Watonga Blvd, 77092



DEAR OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN church members:

See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. Colossians 2:8-23

PTL completed our fall fundraiser. This year they engaged Boosterthon in place of the fall raffle, to set up the bids for our scholars to run an obstacle course (grades Preschool-4) and a Color Run (grades 5-8). Thank you to all our parents and grandparents who were here on race day to cheer on our OSL racers in the obstacle course and color run. Your support and generosity are greatly appreciated! The PTL is a wonderful organization which seeks to serve our teachers, parents, and scholars to create a margin of excellence for the school community.

We saw our first mid-quarter! How can that be? It is a joy to see our scholars each day and see the progress made each day as our classes become a small community and there have been so many things learned already.

We invite you to join us for Parent Education Class Kick-Off, October 5, with a Spaghetti Dinner hosted by the 8th grade parents to raise funds for the 8th grade class trip to Washington DC, and PTL will have an informational at this evening. The dinner begins at 5:30 pm, and the Parent class begins at 6:30 pm. We invite you to join us for all seven weeks of the class by attending on Wednesdays in October, and ending November 9. We will discuss Lutheran Hour Ministries book, *Households of Faith*, during the first four sessions, and we will complete the final three weeks with a book study of Pete Hegseth's book, *Battle for the American Mind*. Mrs. Cherington is excited to lead you through these books. While we desire to serve our school families with these book studies, we warmly invite you to join us on October 5 for the first class and then continue to join us for F.A.S.T.

We are looking forward to the Scarecrow competition on campus. We will be hosting the State cross-country invitational here at OSL on Saturday, October 22. We would love to see our members here to cheer our Eagles onto victory! Join us at the Oktoberfest on Sunday, October 30. We look forward to some great fun and fellowship.

Ever your faithful servant in Christ,

Kate Thaelke

Principal

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



The Nativity Needs YOU!

This year, **December 10**, our Nativity is making the transition from Drive-Through to *Walking*! In addition to our Scripture Scenes, we will be adding a Bethlehem Village. As in Bethlehem of old, our Bethlehem Village will consist of **families** working at their trade together. The carpenter will be teaching his son (or a pretend son, or grandson, as the case may be), the weaver her daughter, and so on. We will also have related **crafts** for the visitors to do, which our volunteers will assist the visitors in starting.

This means we will need more volunteers this year than in years past!

Here are some of the volunteer categories:

- Welcomers to **greet and direct** visitors
- **Musicians** offering their gifts as visitors view our beautiful Sanctuary
- Costumed Bethlehem Villagers to **interact** with visitors
- Costumed Actors, **pantomiming** scenes from Scripture
- Golf Cart Drivers to **assist and give rides** to visitors

If any of these sound like something you could do, please contact:

Amanda Crabtree: 832-630-0627;
amanda.crabtree@yahoo.com

or

Sarah Baughman: 832-745-1018;
sbaughman@osl.cc





Baptized into christ

May God bless **Mabel Sue Mushinski**, who was baptized into Christ on September 4th. Mabel's parents are Taylor & Lydia Mushinski, and her big sister is Thea. Her sponsors are Mason & Nora Gahan and Elyssa Mushinski.



**lutheran
witness**

If you would like to be included in the church's subscription, simply write a check to OSL for \$14.50, with "**Lutheran Witness**" in the memo, and place it in the offering plate by October 16, 2022. *Thank you!*

the O S L holy smokers...

are preparing to fire up the Ponder Pit for another year. Be on the lookout for our upcoming events to benefit various groups within Our Savior Lutheran Church and School. The team will again this year be preparing the meal at the Reformation Lutherfest, October 30.

Smoked and deep-fried turkeys are back in time for Thanksgiving and all proceeds going to the Church's and School's Angel Fund. If you're asking, the Angel Fund was created last year for the Pastor(s) and the Principal to provide a little assistance to our families and communities during Christmas.

We will be advertising future events that could include briskets, pork ribs, crawfish broil, jambalaya, and more. If your church or school group has not reached out to us or the Fellowship Committee for an opportunity to have the Holy Smokers help, please contact RK Halbert or Tim Gobrogge. If you're just not a meat lover (God still loves you) and would like to still help the organization, you can contribute to offset some of the costs of each event.

For more information, please check our website regularly:
www.oslholysmokers.com





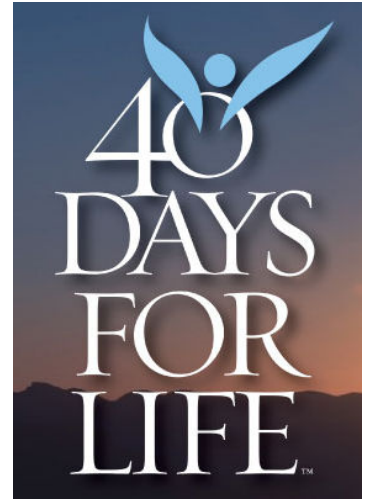
You can still DONATE to our Life Walk Team, through October 10! We moved up to 3rd place. Scan the code, or write checks to: Houston Coalition for Life. Thanks!

Fear will make us do crazy things – but shame is worse...

When we pray at Planned Parenthood we interrupt their plan.

The no-show rate for abortion appointments can go up to as high as 75% when we are outside the facility praying. That's why 45% of abortion facilities to close after a 40 Days for Life campaign were located in abortion-friendly states. Even many of their workers quit because of their conscience through our prayers.

Please consider praying outside Planned Parenthood, Gulf Freeway, for 2 hours on Tuesday, October 4th, any time from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. Typically, shifts are 2 hours but any time you can spare is very much appreciated.



WILL YOU PRAY WITH US? Please visit www.OSL.cc and click the *Sanctity of Life* menu, or call Cindy Blake 832-398-5303, to sign up for any time you have available. **Thanks so much. There is much power in prayer!** See what God has done thus far! Now that He has our nation's attention, perhaps **WE** can be useful in His plan to turn the hearts of the cold and apathetic to His love and care.

membership changes

from september 2022

INCOMING

Transfer:

Ginny Bilbrey and Amelia from St. Mark, Conroe

Melissa Theis

Profession of faith:

Mark & Lesa Dube

Trish Goodrum

Scott Hilsher

Katy Kramer

Baptism:

Mabel Sue Mushinski – September 4, 2022

OUTGOING

Deaths:

Elizabeth Campbell – September 5, 2022

Gladys Irene Janisch Farley – September 11, 2022

Stephen Michael Henke – September 22, 2022

memorials:

Darlene Mercer

Ruby Husfeld

Jeanelle Lee

Joe & Karen Ytuarte

missions:

FRITSCHÉ MISSION

Norman & Debbie Adams

Laura Boyd

Rev. WOKOMA Nigerian Seminary

Laura Boyd

Pueblo Nuevo – DR

Custom Mat Company

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1  Men's Breakfast 8:30am Men Alive-A101 9:00am Nativity Meeting-BC 11:00am Bon Appetit
2 8:15am Bible Class 8:15am Confirmation Class 9:30am Matins - Baptism 10:45am Sunday School 12:00 pm Fellowship Meeting - BC 4:12pm Sr Youth Meeting -YR 6:00pm Coed Volleyball -A	3 6:30pm Potter's Vessel-FR 7:00pm Young Adults-YR	4 <i>7:00am 40 Days for Life-Stand & Pray - PP Gulf Fwy</i>  7:00pm Church Council-BC	5 6:30am Men's Bible Study-BC 10:00am Bible Class-BC 12:00pm Bulletin Deadline 5:30pm Spaghetti Dinner & Households of Faith Study	6 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	7	8
9 8:15am Bible Class 8:15am Confirmation Class 9:30am Communion 10:45am Sunday School 12:00pm Laudate 6:00pm Coed Volleyball	10 9:00am Joseph's Guild of Colors-LWML 7:00pm Young Adults-YR	11 <i>8:30am Braille</i> <i>6:15pm UH Campus Ministry</i> 7:00pm Parish Ed mtg-YR	12 6:30am Men's Bible Study-BC 10:00am Bible Class-BC 12:00pm Bulletin Deadline 5:30pm F.A.S.T. Supper-A101 6:30pm F.A.S.T. Classes 	13 3:00pm Prayer Request printing deadline 6:00pm Zoom Bible Study 6:15pm Carillon Ringers 7:00pm Jubilate Choir	14 9:00am Joseph's Guild of Colors-LWML	15 10:00am Memorial Service- Gladys Farley  Article Deadline Newsletter Deadline
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30 Reformation Sunday 8:15am Bible Class 8:15am Confirmation Class 9:30am Reformation Festival Service 10:45am Sunday School 12:00pm Reformation Lutherfest 	31 7:00pm Young Adults-YR	1 <i>6:15pm UH Campus Ministry</i> 7:00pm Church Council-BC	2 6:30am Men's Bible Study-BC 10:00am Bible Class-BC 12:00pm Bulletin Deadline 5:30pm F.A.S.T. Supper-A101 6:30pm F.A.S.T. Classes 	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 

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

those to serve in **OCTOBER 2022**

Acolytes	10/02/22	9:30 AM	Livy Adams / Abigail White
Carts	10/02/22	9:30 AM	Kriegel Team
Elders	10/02/22	9:30 AM	Chuck Hall / Scott Nitsch / Jason Stephens / Shaun Downie
Evangelism	10/02/22	9:30 AM	Team 1 Garry
Greeters	10/02/22	9:30 AM	Team 8
Sound	10/02/22	9:30 AM	Wilbanks
Ushers	10/02/22	9:30 AM	Lehr Team
Acolytes	10/09/22	9:30 AM	Huck Bender / Lorenzo Gonzales
Altar Guild	10/09/22	9:30 AM	Glenda Cochran Team
Carts	10/09/22	9:30 AM	Gavin Team
Comm Asst.	10/09/22	9:30 AM	Chuck Hall / Scott Nitsch / Jason Stephens / Shaun Downie
Elders	10/09/22	9:30 AM	Chuck Hall / Scott Nitsch / Jason Stephens / Shaun Downie
Evangelism	10/09/22	9:30 AM	Team 2 Ken
Greeters	10/09/22	9:30 AM	Team 9
Sound	10/09/22	9:30 AM	Greenwood
Ushers	10/09/22	9:30 AM	Halbert Team
Acolytes	10/16/22	9:30 AM	Sophie Bennett / Colleen Crabtree
Carts	10/16/22	9:30 AM	Gerard Team
Elders	10/16/22	9:30 AM	Chuck Hall / Scott Nitsch / Jason Stephens / Shaun Downie
Evangelism	10/16/22	9:30 AM	Team 3 James
Greeters	10/16/22	9:30 AM	Team 10
Sound	10/16/22	9:30 AM	Blake
Ushers	10/16/22	9:30 AM	Downie Team
Acolytes	10/23/22	9:30 AM	Summer Morrissey / Maja Stephens
Altar Guild	10/23/22	9:30 AM	Amanda Crabtree Team
Carts	10/23/22	9:30 AM	Adams Team
Comm Asst.	10/23/22	9:30 AM	Chuck Hall / Scott Nitsch / Jason Stephens / Shaun Downie
Elders	10/23/22	9:30 AM	Chuck Hall / Scott Nitsch / Jason Stephens / Shaun Downie
Evangelism	10/23/22	9:30 AM	Team 4 Karl
Greeters	10/23/22	9:30 AM	Team 1
Sound	10/23/22	9:30 AM	Whiting
Ushers	10/23/22	9:30 AM	Gobrogge Team
Acolytes	10/30/22	9:30 AM	Dane Crook / Jules Crook / Aiden Kleb / Janiah Thomas / Emma Witt
Carts	10/30/22	9:30 AM	Pampell Team
Elders	10/30/22	9:30 AM	Chuck Hall / Scott Nitsch / Jason Stephens / Shaun Downie
Evangelism	10/30/22	9:30 AM	Team 5 Al
Greeters	10/30/22	9:30 AM	Team 2
Sound	10/30/22	9:30 AM	Witt
Ushers	10/30/22	9:30 AM	Lehr Team



1 Bella Adams
Gene Lazarine
James Moody II

4 Jude Armstrong
Cristina Farley
Leah McDaniel

5 Kevin Hobart

6 Levi Leaton
Ruth Schmidt

7 Ashlyn Bigger
Sage Duerr

8 Sue Kriegbaum
Eva Nitsch
David Renevier

9 Hortencia Schneider

10 Andrea Morgan
Reese Savoie
Arlene Wottrich

11 Nell Bitner

12 Nalani Armstrong
Diane Kemnitz
Susan Synnott

13 Cheryl Erickson
Seeton Pollock

14 Jessica Burke
Art Gutierrez Jr.
Angie Nitsch

15 Sandy Leger
Adam White

16 Pamela Flayler
Grant Rankin
Christian White

17 Kiel Freeman
Hannah Listi
Annie Shephard
Aaron Tannert

18 Bill Cook
Julie McLarry
Sophia Williams

19 Michelle McNutt

20 Buddy McSpadden
Carter Resendez
Diann Sowell
Mary Sumner
Brad Whiting

21 Heidi Gerke
Gene Kunkel

23 Cameron Bennett
JW Boyles
Lauren Hilsher
Sarah Jewell
Naressa Vezey

24 Fenny Valka
Naomi Waiser

25 Danny Melcher

26 Debbie Wunderlich

27 Bauer Burttschell
Justice Okpolor
Emily Smith

28 Robert Held

29 Addison Aguilar
Oliver Biehle
Dennis Cook
Isabella Farley
Rayne Lankford

30 Lena Baughman

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

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Serving families for Jesus Christ



Fellowship And Study Together begins!

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Meal @ 5:30pm; Classes @ 6:30pm