

Our Savior Lutheran's August 2023



To celebrate the one-year anniversary of Roe's reversal, we gathered together outside the largest Planned Parenthood in the Western Hemisphere (right here in Houston) to sing praises to the Lord who has blessed us with one glorious year without Roe's federal protection of abortion access.

The overturning of Roe v. Wade has been monumental in reigniting the pro-life movement!

No one thought it would be possible to take down Roe.

Even the most dedicated pro-lifers thought they wouldn't see its end in their lifetime.

The Dobbs decision proved the world wrong. Progress in the abortion battle is possible.

While this decision is a huge win for life, it is not the end. Several states have expanded abortion access in the wake of Roe's demise. Lies are being perpetuated throughout the media and from the highest political offices in our country.

We must stand up to these lies with truth and love and create a culture that truly values and respects life. This can be done with very simple things like standing outside of Planned Parenthood in prayer, speaking up when someone is misinformed about abortion, volunteering or donating to local pregnancy centers, or supporting policies that protect the preborn and their mothers. Even something as simple as sidewalk chalk can be used to plant the first seeds of the pro-life message in someone's head.

We cannot stay silent.

We cannot prioritize our comfort over the lives of the innocent and defenseless. Doing so has only enabled this culture of death to fester. At times, the world seems too far gone in the wrong direction to remain hopeful of any change. It is at these times that we must focus on the things in our lives that we can control and trust in God to handle the rest.

Our God has overcome far greater odds; He can handle this too.

Thanks be to God that Roe is no more!

Elyssa – Life Team OSL



Dear OSL Church,

"The Lord will provide" (Gen 22: 13b)

We are grateful to God for His provisions for our school and community. Today (7/13) we learned that God has provided all our needed teachers for the 2023-2024 school year.

We welcome Mrs. Bonnie Moore, as our newest fifth-grade teacher. Bonnie Moore graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from Concordia Lutheran College, now CTX, in 1988 and has taught in 5 different Lutheran schools throughout the state since then. She and her husband, Lanny, recently celebrated 35 years of marriage and have three children; Stephanie-29, Zachary-27, and Kimberly-23.

We welcome Ms. Lesley McBride, as our newest Preschool teacher. Lesley has taught small children for over 20 years and has been blessed to teach and care for children ages 18 months through kindergarten. She has a daughter who is a rising fourth grader attending OSL, and a son who attended Lutheran schools and is now at Texas A&M.

We welcome Mrs. Kimberly Engel as our newest second-grade teacher. She has been a teacher for over 20 years. Most of her time has been in early childhood, laying the foundations for children. She has lived in Texas for the past seven years. She moved here when her husband received a Call from Messiah Lutheran. Pastor and Mrs. Engel have two children; Jakob, a Licensed Counselor in Baltimore, and a daughter that will be moving to San Antonio at the end of the month to continue her Air Force career, as she begins her Doctorate in Physical Therapy. Pastor and Mrs. Engel are proud grandparents to granddaughter Bailey and are excited to add another grandchild in November. The Engels are most known for Gabriel, a Comfort Dog with Lutheran Church Charities. Mrs. Engel is looking forward to sharing Gabriel with our community, too.

Our teachers return to school on August 2 to prepare for the start of the school year. We will engage in curriculum training, professional development opportunities, active shooter/emergency, and CPR/First Aid training throughout the first two weeks of August. Please pray for our staff and students as we start a new school year. May God continue to provide, as He always does, so we can provide our scholars with a rich, meaningful classical Christian education.

Warmly,
Kate Thaelke
Principal



OUR SAVIOR
LUTHERAN SCHOOL



REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

2023 Lutherans For Life

National Conference • October 11-13

Holiday Inn Cincinnati Airport | Erlanger, Kentucky, *with visits to the Ark Encounter and Creation Museum*

Find more information at the link below!

REGISTER TODAY!



lutheransforlife.org/conference

Come and see the new "Fearfully and Wonderfully Made" exhibit at the Creation Museum!



SAVE THE DATE!

**2023 Lutherans For Life
National Conference
October 11-13**



 **lutheransforlife.org**

*The Greater Houston Area Zones
of LWML Texas District present*



Adventures in **EQUIPPING LEADERS**

Hebrews 13:20–21

You are invited and encouraged to join us in an
adventure like you've never had before!

Leadership Development Workshop

Saturday, August 19, 2023

10:00am-2:00pm (Registration begins at 9:30)

Trinity Lutheran Church

800 Houston Avenue

Houston, TX 77007

Light breakfast and lunch provided.

RSVP by August 9 to Your Group President.



*"Now may the God of peace who brought again from
the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the
sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip
you with everything good that you may do his will,
working in us that which is pleasing in his sight,
through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and
ever. Amen." Hebrews 13:20-21*



Cheerful Helpers Corner

We are Lutheran Women in Mission.

We are LWML.

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is an official auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. For over 77 years, the LWML has focused on affirming each woman's relationship with Christ, encouraging and equipping women to live out their Christian lives in active mission ministries and to support global missions.

Cheerful Helpers is the name of OSL's LWML Group. We are part of the White Oak Zone, which is comprised of five churches in Houston.

There are currently four circles in the Cheerful Helpers:

Joseph's Guild of Colors meets at the church on the second Monday and Friday of the month from 9 am to 2 pm. Their ministry works to make quilts for Lutheran World Relief.

Night Circle meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7 pm in the OSL Family Room. They have Bible Study, support missions, and help families in need from within our congregation and without, by supporting them in prayer and offering financial aid when needed.

Potter's Vessel meets the first Monday of the month at 6:30 pm in the OSL Family Room or in a member's home with a flexible schedule posted in the bulletin. Their ministry focus includes Bible study and choosing a variety of missions for individuals or groups as needs arise.

GEMS (Girls Embracing Mission Service) meets the second Saturday at 10 am in the Youth Room, from September through May. The girls participate in Bible study and service to support OSL.

Thank You!

*The **Night Circle** would like to thank everyone who donated during the Baby Bottle Boomerang. We raised **\$2,368** (and still counting as bottles are still coming in!) to support the Houston Coalition for Life's Big Blue Bus project!*



LWML
Cheerful Helpers
Texas District



from the

Nativity Nook

Thank You!

We would like to extend a **heartfelt Thank You to everyone** who ordered meat in our recent fundraiser, as well as the gentlemen of the **Holy Smokers**. They tended the fires and smoked the meat that **raised just over \$1500 for the Nativity** (extra thanks to their members who donated the meat for the fundraiser). Further, we've had an **anonymous donation matching** the amount raised, so we have a good start on our budget for this year's Nativity.



Our Plans

As a frame of reference, our set-builder put together a budget for sections of set, which will build a life-like Bethlehem village for our visitors to interact with our members and learn about the Word of God in an immersive, sensory experience. He's estimated that **it will take about \$60 to build 4 feet of the Bethlehem Village set**. Our plan is to build as we have the funds and use tents for everything else we need, as we did last year, until we have enough sets for each of the Scripture Engagement Stations. This is in addition to what we have budgeted for costumes, props, and craft supplies.

Get Involved

We are gratefully accepting donations of fabric and **babyfood jars with lids**; thank you to those who have already donated. There is a basket near the church office.

If you feel you have a talent or skill that you think would be helpful to this effort, we'd love to hear from you! Please contact Sarah in the church office, and she can connect you with the right person.

If you would like to **sponsor the event** and have something printed on the "Thank you to our sponsors" page, contact Sarah in the church office about how to do that. And remember, you can



give beyond your regular giving to the church by making a contribution and designating it "Nativity."

Again, thank you! This endeavor would not be possible without the support and help of our congregation!

AUGUST

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 8:15am Bible Class 9:30am Matins 10:45am Sunday School	31 6:00pm Young Adults-YR 7:00pm Parochial Ed-A102E	1 7:00pm Church Council-BC	2 6:30am Men's Bible Study-BC 10:00am Bible Class-BC 12:00pm Bulletin Deadline	3 3:00pm Prayer Request printing deadline 7:00pm Lutheran Confessions Bible Study Group-BC 7:00pm Zoom Bible Study	4	5 8:30am Men Alive-A101 
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A=Gym/Cafeteria; B=Early Childhood; C=Classrooms; BC=Bible Class; FR=Family Room; YR=Youth Room; *Italics=not OS*

Those To Serve – August 2023

Acolytes	08/06/23	9:30 AM	Evan Wood / Tyler Wood
Carts	08/06/23	9:30 AM	Stephens Team
Elders	08/06/23	9:30 AM	Chuck Hall / Scott Nitsch / Shaun Downie / Karl Baughman
Evangelism	08/06/23	9:30 AM	Team 5 Al
Greeters	08/06/23	9:30 AM	TEAM 7: Fehrenkamp / Fritsche
Sound	08/06/23	9:30 AM	Whiting
Ushers	08/06/23	9:30 AM	Gobrogge Team
Acolytes	08/13/23	9:30 AM	Lucas Downie / Greyson Williams
Altar Guild	08/13/23	9:30 AM	Jeanene Lunsford Team
Carts	08/13/23	9:30 AM	Adams Team
Comm Asst.	08/13/23	9:30 AM	Chuck Hall / Scott Nitsch / Shaun Downie / Karl Baughman
Elders	08/13/23	9:30 AM	Chuck Hall / Scott Nitsch / Shaun Downie / Karl Baughman
Evangelism	08/13/23	9:30 AM	Team 1 Lee
Greeters	08/13/23	9:30 AM	TEAM 8: Greenwood / Domann / Peterson
Sound	08/13/23	9:30 AM	Witt
Ushers	08/13/23	9:30 AM	Symcox (Lehr) Team
Acolytes	08/20/23	9:30 AM	Kendall Horn / Lily Luna
Carts	08/20/23	9:30 AM	Pampell Team
Elders	08/20/23	9:30 AM	Chuck Hall / Scott Nitsch / Shaun Downie / Karl Baughman
Evangelism	08/20/23	9:30 AM	Team 2 Garry
Greeters	08/20/23	9:30 AM	TEAM 9: Kemnitz / Kunkel
Sound	08/20/23	9:30 AM	Wilbanks
Ushers	08/20/23	9:30 AM	Halbert Team
Acolytes	08/27/23	9:30 AM	Blake Farr / Abi Halbert
Altar Guild	08/27/23	9:30 AM	Glenda Cochran Team
Carts	08/27/23	9:30 AM	Downie Team
Comm Asst.	08/27/23	9:30 AM	Chuck Hall / Scott Nitsch / Shaun Downie / Karl Baughman
Elders	08/27/23	9:30 AM	Chuck Hall / Scott Nitsch / Shaun Downie / Karl Baughman
Evangelism	08/27/23	9:30 AM	Team 3 James
Greeters	08/27/23	9:30 AM	TEAM 10: Schmidt / Stuhr
Sound	08/27/23	9:30 AM	Greenwood
Ushers	08/27/23	9:30 AM	Downie Team



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

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Olivia Thaelke

3 Olen Curry
Jenesis Edmond
Jessica Smith
Marjorie Washington

4 Huck Bender
Cindy Blake
Payton Hernandez
Adam Raynor
Addie Vasquez

5 Lena Eckert
Jeff Pampell

6 Ernest Gessner Jr.
Lorenzo Gonzales
Matthew Manriquez
Nelda Pampell
Pastor White
Rhonda Wood

7 Kelby Clothier
Gary Schmidt

8 Barbara Mushinski
Chad Symcox
Libby Trevino

9 Jacob Freeman
Sergei Fritsche

10 Kathy DeLaitch
Diane Guevara
RK Halbert
Nathanael McCaleb
Jirah Thomas

11 Archer Cheng
Austin Homfeld
Dean Mushinski

12 Alex Erickson
Lorie Moehlman

13 Channing Wood III

14 Taneal Arri
Robert O'Neill

15 Bannan Holeman
Bobbie Kelly
Diana Stachowiak
Norka Vera

16 Elizabeth Cooper
Abigail Dodds
John Hoffmeyer
Curtis Pietsch

17 Ethan Almaraz
Alycia Matei
Barbara Martens

18 Mabel Mushinski
James Rankin
Dave Spencer
Melissa Swanzy

19 Zachary Fritsche
Lon Huse
Darren Lankford
Farah Reid
Hannah Turner

20 Sarah Cherington
Shelby Garner
Dan Greenwood
Jaina Lowery
April Schatte

21 Amber Fairley
Ernie Gessner
Dennis Mueller
Brian Nitsch
Cheryl Savitt

22 Rahn Bek
Philip Bush
Maci Mackinnon

23 Kelsey Craft
Maddox Lavoie
Mary Beth Witt

25 Layla Armstrong
Carol Henke
Rebecca Jee
Mabel Matei
Lyle Schmidt
Brandon Shipes
Deanie Stephens

26 Alexander Jee
Michael Mayer

27 Angela Zoch

28 Charles Hinrichsen
Kathy Otter
Scott Ripple

29 Andy Adams
Daniel Hancock
Jacob Skweres

31 Emily Bynum
Tracy Dacus
Rod Neal

August Birthdays

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)
Chuck Osterhaus
Lee Rose
Sue Rose

Sophie Adcock
David & Nancy Carter

Gus Hillegeist
Doug Hillegeist

Dr. Wallace Kleb
James & Paula Anderson
Eugene Bruns
Lawrence Eckermann/Westbury Animal Hospital
Mark & Jean Froehlich
Denise Goehring
Lee & Stephanie Goehring
Alvin & Barbara Grahmann
Paul & Paulette Heidbreder
Clinton & Carolyn Heine
Doug Hillegeist
Gary & Beverly Hintz
Bobby & Judy Horton
Della Markert
Shirley Milton
Jim Nitsch
Delores Quin
Dan & Kelly Quin
Robert & Loretta Supercinski
Roger & Susan Synnott
Bob & Pat Wottrich
Baldwin & Janell Zahn

Herb Peterson
Roger & Susan Synnott

Membership Changes

As of the Elders Meeting, July 2023

Wedding:

Kiel Troy Williams & Rachel Michelle Hebert
June 19, 2023

Transfers out:

Andre, Tara, Jackson & Kaitlyn Lehr to Epiphany Lutheran, Houston

Deaths:

Jacqueline Simcak — July 8, 2023

Glyn Lunsford — July 14, 2023

Save the Date for the **Run/Walk for Life:**

Who: You! We will be registering as an OSL Life Team, which you can join as an individual walker/runner or sponsor.

What: 2 mile walk or 5K run

When: *Saturday, September 30th, 8:00-11AM*

Where: All Saints Catholic Church 215 E. 10th Street, Houston, TX 77008

Why: *Your support will help save innocent lives by helping the Blue Blossom Pregnancy Centers!*



What's Next for Pro-Lifers?

July 17th, 2023, by Jim Freudenstein • jfreud1953@gmail.com • 832-654-7791

I was attending Concordia Senior College when I first heard the word, “abortion.” It was in a movie shown on campus. When I found out what abortion was, I knew right away that only praying Christians would be responsible for the end of such a hideous practice.

The practice has not ended. There are still states, companies, politicians, “churches,” etc., promoting the killing of babies. From my perspective, abortion is an example of injustice, murder, premature death, and senseless violence. The thought that comes to my mind is: Whatever we sow, we shall reap, Galatians 6:7. We have not yet ended this evil barbarism in our land. Our holocaust has not ended. There are still babies and their mothers and their fathers who need rescuing. Why are we still tolerating this hideous practice? Are we aware and do we care enough to be their champions? (Proverbs 31:8)

What does the popular media endlessly beat into our minds? “There’s injustice out there. People are dying out there by natural disasters, gang and drug warfare, medical situations, (prescriptions, overdoses and street misuse and greed), and accidents.”

We are only reaping what we have sown. By our votes, by our greed, by our thirst for power and prestige, we have given ground to the enemy, Ephesians 4:17-19, 27. That means we have given the devil legal right and permission to kill, steal and destroy in our families, neighborhoods, and nation. Has anyone lost a spouse, a child, a cousin, a sibling to early death? Has anyone “put two and two together” and taken responsibility for the ongoing sin and curse of abortion?

By my estimation, liberal churches of every denomination, have promoted death over appreciation of the preciousness of life. By my estimation, so-called conservative churches of every stripe, have allowed this to occur by their silence, apathy and ignoring of God’s clarion call to prayer and action. The guilt and responsibility belong to everyone!

Does anyone know the truth? Does anyone care?

Ezekiel 33:1-20 says that failure to speak up means the blood that is shed in the coming judgment—will be charged to those who knew the Word and were silent.

Are we silent?

Proverbs 31:8, tells every believer, every moral person, every civilized person to become the “champion” of the unborn. Are you a believer? Are you moral? Are you civilized? Are you a defender of all those who cannot speak up for themselves? Who are appointed to destruction?

Appointed to destruction, like the humans in the womb who are scheduled for early death. Appointed to destruction by their moms in our abortion mills.

The quote of Micah 6:8 calls for us to “do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God.” According to the context, our idolatry is revealed if we continue to kill (or tolerate the killing of) babies, verse seven. According to God, justice begins with the stopping of the killing of the babies.

At this point I burst into tears again. Where is my obedience? Where are my time and money, prayers and energies being directed? Babies are dying! Too many of my family, friends and neighbors support killing babies. This is due to the prayerlessness and lack of organizing and ‘Bible ignoring’ of too many of us. It is due to my comfortable life. I have become too comfortable with the status quo. Have I been reticent or outspoken? Have I been irresponsible or responsible? Have I been faithless or faithful? How am I continuing to allow this culture of death to remain unaddressed? Who shall deliver our society from the immorality of letting babies perish? Where is our agony, repentance, and renewal for this cause of God?

Can anyone join me in a call to more fearless action and “gates of hell praying” in a truly just cause? Is God calling you also?

May God grant us the heavenly backbone to love the lost, intercede for those supporting the devil’s agenda of death and see greater protection for the unborn! Not only the unborn, but the elderly, the deformed, and the depressed. Let this happen in every state of our nation and in every nation of our world!

Is God calling you to this also?

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Return Service Requested

OSL School begins...

Wednesday, August 16th!



"The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but the things that are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law." Deuteronomy 29:29 (ESV)

Serving Families for Jesus Christ

*Article entry deadline is August 15 for September's issue