Our Savior Lutheran's **August 2025**

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In Matthew 28:19, Jesus tells His disciples to "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations." As His disciples, we are called to continue the "Great Commission." Aren't we at OSL doing that when we send our mission dollars to build seminaries in Africa and support Lutheran Colleges? The short answer is yes. Supporting the mission fields abroad is one way to fulfill



the call to make disciples. But did you know that there are more Lutherans in Africa than in the US? Did you know that in Houston alone, 1 in 4 persons are unchurched? The mission field is ripe in Houston.

So, how do we make disciples here in Houston? It is a challenge, and not very successful, to knock on a stranger's door and tell them that Jesus died for their sins. The first step in sharing your faith with others is in relationship building. People will not listen to you about your faith unless they already trust you. So, we build their trust by first showing love to them. Befriending those who do not share your faith can be a challenge as we want not to be conformed to this world (Romans 12:2). Jesus prays in John 17 that his followers are not taken "out of the world," but are protected "from the evil one."

Start with those you already know: family, friends, and neighbors. Who among them do not have faith in Christ? Reach out to them. Next, reach out to your friends. Ask them about their faith. Lastly, be intentional in getting to know your neighbors. Share some "fence time" talking about family, the weather, and those weeds. Building a relationship of trust takes time and effort. Once you build trust, you can share your faith.



Dear Members of Our Savior Lutheran Church,

Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord! Blessed are those who keep his testimonies, who seek him with their whole heart, who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways! You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently. Oh that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes! Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes fixed on all your commandments. I will praise you with an upright heart, when I learn your just and righteous decrees. I will keep your statutes; do not utterly forsake me!" Psalm 119:1-8

This July, we completed preparations for the 2025-2026 school year. We have a full staff now! Staff changes include the addition of a part-time Logic School teacher, Sarah Weider, wife of Pastor Weider in Katy, TX, a part-time PS-2 PE teacher, Mr. Richard Solis, a part-time SSC interventionist, Mrs. Darlene Blasco (OSL grandparent), and a new second-grade teacher, Ms. Gillian Wagner-Main (OSL church member and parent). Mrs. Beth Prestwood has been reassigned to grade 3, and Mrs. Kimberely Engel has been reassigned to Kindergarten. Ms. Destiny McNair has been hired as our school nurse/receptionist. We are thankful to God for bringing all our staff to us (and back) this year.

We are looking forward to celebrating 60 years of Lutheran education at OSL with these dedicated, master teachers and staff members!

Our teachers participate in professional development throughout the summer. We had three teachers attend the Memoria Press Teacher Training in Kentucky, one teacher attended a music conference at Concordia University – Chicago, and our principals, chaplain, and teachers attended CCLE at Concordia University-Wisconsin.

Thank you for all who joined us in heartfelt prayer and support with donations for the Hill Country flood victims. We partnered with a local business to collect needed items, and they supported the delivery to those in need.

We had a great full summer camp this year. We thank our directors, Mrs. Lazenby and Ms. Pigeon (supervised by Mrs. Cherington), for the smooth

summer camp experience serving families for Jesus Christ.

Our teachers returned to our campus for a classical education conference July 29-31. Orientation for our new teachers and for the upcoming school year is scheduled for August 1. Our staff will travel to Grace-Brenham for Opening Worship and Professional Development on August 4, and school will begin on August 13.

Thank you for your unending support of our school.

Warmly,

Principal Thoelke













Zime to Warm up those Voices, Hands and Instruments!

The new season of OSL's Music Ministry will begin in September. If you've ever had an interest in being part of this ministry, then commit to starting with us this year. There are no auditions for any of the groups. The only requirement is to have a love of music and heart of service. The Holy Spirit will take care of the rest.

Carillon Ringers will begin on **Wednesday**, September 3rd & 10th, at 6:15pm in the Sanctuary. (Will continue on **Thursdays** on September 18.)

Jubilate Choir will begin on **Wednesday**, September 3rd & 10th, at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary. (Will continue on **Thursdays** on September 18.)

Exultae Brass will begin on Sunday, September 7 following Bible Study.

Laudate Choir will begin on Sunday, September 14 following Bible Study.

Cantate Chamber Ensemble will begin on Sunday, September 21 following Bible Study.

Please see the Music Ministry on our website, **https://www.osl.cc/music** or do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. We'd love to have as many people as the loft can hold!

Blessings,

Jeff Armstrong • jarmstrong@oslschool.org



Nativity 2025

We are starting to gather Volunteers for Bethlehem Village at the OSL Nativity this year! There are a few categories:

- Costumed Craft Helpers
- Costumed Townspeople
- Costumed Actors (shepherds, Wise Men, Mary & Joseph)
- Street-Clothed Presence



If any of these sound intriguing to you, please contact **Bill Prestwood: bprestwood@osl.cc.**







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LWML

The Baby Bottle Boomerang was a huge success because of your generous donations! *The total amount is* \$3,286.17! All will go to support the Big Blue Bus project which in turn saves the unborn. *To God be the Glory!*

LWML Cheerful Helpers: Opportunities to join in!

Potter's Vessel will resume **August 4th at 6:30 pm** in the OSL Family Room. Our ministry focus includes Bible study and choosing a variety of missions for individuals or groups as needs arise.

Ladies' BUNCO meets August 16th, at 10:00am in the Bible Classroom.

We gather for food, fun, and fellowship! Game play is easy to learn and it's a lovely way to get to know some of your sisters in Christ here at OSL.



Night Circle meets August 19th at 7:00pm in the OSL Family Room.

We 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.

Women's Retreat

will be

April 17-19, 2026

Save the Date!

Writer's Workshop

Did you miss the Lutheran Writer's Workshop in July? Did

you feel too shy to join the group? A copy of the lessons is available! Email Sarah for more information (sbaughman@osl.cc).

Chrismons

If you are a Chrismon stitcher, thank you! We are working on the Crown this year. Jesus Christ is a King like no other – born humbly, to save us from our sin.

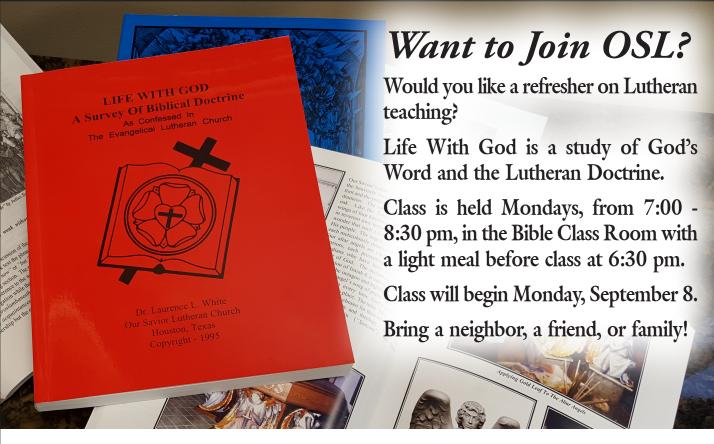
If you are interested in helping stitch, there are kits ready to be picked up in the Family Room between church and Bible class; you can also ask Sarah in the church office if you have questions.

Memorials

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

Or. Bazelle Frazier
Jane Frazier
Byron Martens
Ann Putman
Stephen & Jennifer Schoppe Merri Schoppe
James & Patricia Smithson
Dorothy Worthing Joe & Karen Ytuarte
Warren Schulin
Bob Wottrich

James & Patricia Smithson



Save the Date!

Who: You! We will register 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 20, 8:00-11:00 am

Where: St. Theresa Catholic Church in Memorial Park, 6622 Haskell St, Houston, TX 77007

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



PRAY Vicar Peter Williams Serving the Lord in Germany



Vicar Peter Williams serves the Lord through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) as a missionary in Kaiserslautern, Germany. As a vicar in the international mission field, Peter assists the lead pastor of Kaiserslautern Evangelical Lutheran Church, which serves U.S. military members stationed in the area as well as other English speakers. Peter is involved in several parish activities, including preaching, teaching and visiting members of the church. He also is active in regional mission work, especially in the French and Farsi languages.

Peter is from San José, Calif.,

where his home congregation is First Immanuel Lutheran Church. He has a bachelor's degree in French and history from San José State University and is currently pursuing a Master of Divinity from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne. Prior to serving in Germany, Peter worked in the Parks and Recreation Department for the City of San José and in after-school care at the French American School of Silicon

Valley in Cupertino, Calif. Peter is also a chaplain candidate in the U.S. Army Reserves. In his free time, Peter enjoys reading and playing baseball and soccer.

Pray for Peter as he serves in Germany. Pray for patience and guidance as he learns many new things and takes on many new responsibilities. Ask God to give him wisdom and safety as he adjusts to life in this new country. Pray also that the Holy Spirit would work through Peter as he shares the Gospel with everyone he meets. Give thanks to God for sending Peter to serve His children in this part of the world.

BIRTHDAY: April 7

HOME DISTRICT: California-Nevada-Hawaii

Here's the link to sign up for Peter's newsletter: http://eepurl.com/jjchug. Pray daily for Peter – and how you can support and tell others about his ministry. Visit lcms.org/williams

Germany

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in support of the LCMS through the work of **Vicar Peter Williams**



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Baptism:

Oleh Andrew Cholak: July 6, 2025







Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 8:15am Bible Class 9:30am Communion 10:45am Sunday School 12:00pm Jr Youth Fusion-YR	28 6:00pm Young Adults Bible Study-YR 6:30pm Revelation Monday Night Bible Class	29 6:30pm Stitches Fellowship Group - FR 7:00pm Parochial Ed-BC	30 6:30am Men's Bible Study-BC 10:00am Bible Class-BC 12:00pm Bulletin Deadline 2:00pm Lutheran Writers Workshop - YR 6:30pm Men's Basketball League	3:00pm Prayer Request printing deadline 6:00pm Word Web Bible Study-Zoom		2 8:30am Men Alive-A101 WENS 11:00am Bon Appétit
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A=Gym/Cafeteria; B=Early Childhood; C=Classrooms; BC=Bible Class; EO=Evangelism Office; FR=Family Room; YR=Youth Room; *Italics=not OSL*

Those To Serve – August 2025

Acolytes	08/03/25	9:30 AM	George Baughman / Austin Pugh
Carts	08/03/25	9:30 AM	Pampell Team
Elders	08/03/25	9:30 AM	James Kriegel / Alvin Fritsche / Ken Wright / Brandon Shipes
Evangelism	08/03/25	9:30 AM	Team 4: O'Neill / Schmidt
Greeters	08/03/25	9:30 AM	TEAM 5: Friedrich / Kriegel
Sound	08/03/25	9:30 AM	Greenwood
Ushers	08/03/25	9:30 AM	Downie Team
Acolytes	08/10/25	9:30 AM	Bree Lawder / Katie Ripple
Altar Guild	08/10/25	9:30 AM	Vickie Nitsch Team
Carts	08/10/25	9:30 AM	Downie Team
Comm Asst.	08/10/25	9:30 AM	James Kriegel / Ken Wright / Brandon Shipes / Dennis Mueller
Elders	08/10/25	9:30 AM	James Kriegel / Alvin Fritsche / Ken Wright / Brandon Shipes
Evangelism	08/10/25	9:30 AM	Team 5: Malson
Greeters	08/10/25	9:30 AM	TEAM 6: Edwards
Sound	08/10/25	9:30 AM	T. Wilbanks
Ushers	08/10/25	9:30 AM	Gobrogge Team
Acolytes	08/17/25	9:30 AM	Iris Ferrarese / Megan Ripple
Carts	08/17/25	9:30 AM	Kriegel Team
Elders	08/17/25	9:30 AM	James Kriegel / Alvin Fritsche / Ken Wright / Brandon Shipes
Evangelism	08/17/25	9:30 AM	Team 1: Nino
Greeters	08/17/25	9:30 AM	TEAM 7: Fehrenkamp / Fritsche
Sound	08/17/25	9:30 AM	Whiting
Ushers	08/17/25	9:30 AM	Symcox Team
Acolytes	08/24/25	9:30 AM	Kaitlyn Kramer / Harlow Schatte
Altar Guild	08/24/25	9:30 AM	Diana Stephens Team
Carts	08/24/25	9:30 AM	Gavin Team
Comm Asst.	08/24/25	9:30 AM	James Kriegel / Ken Wright / Brandon Shipes / Dennis Mueller
Elders	08/24/25	9:30 AM	James Kriegel / Alvin Fritsche / Ken Wright / Brandon Shipes
Evangelism	08/24/25	9:30 AM	Team 2: Stuhr
Greeters	08/24/25	9:30 AM	TEAM 8: Greenwood / Domann / Peterson
Sound	08/24/25	9:30 AM	Witt
Ushers	08/24/25	9:30 AM	Halbert Team
Acolytes	08/31/25	9:30 AM	Trip Halbert / Wesley White
Carts	08/31/25	9:30 AM	Stephens Team
Elders	08/31/25	9:30 AM	James Kriegel / Alvin Fritsche / Ken Wright / Brandon Shipes
Evangelism	08/31/25	9:30 AM	Team 3: Kriegel
Greeters	08/31/25	9:30 AM	TEAM 9: Kemnitz / Kunkel
Sound	08/31/25	9:30 AM	J. Wilbanks
Ushers	08/31/25	9:30 AM	Downie Team

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- 23 Kelsey Craft Maddox Lavoie Andy Ramsey Julie Straube Mary Beth Witt
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"You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise." Deuteronomy 6:7 (ESV)