

Wednesday Advent Services • December 6, 13 & 20 — 7:00 PM, with supper served in the Bible Class Room from 5:30-6:30 PM

School Christmas Programs: Tuesday, December 12 Preschool-2nd Grade — 6:00 PM • 3rd-8th Grade — 7:00 PM

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service: Sunday, December 24 — 6:00pm with Orchestra, Choir, and Candles



"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."—Isaiah 9:6

The Child is born for us. He was born, suffered and died, and rose again all for your salvation. He shed his blood to have you back from sin, death, and the devil.

But the devil is mad.

Scowl fierce as he will, he lashes out in any direction. He prances around, deceptive and misleading, looking for someone to devour. He comes for you, but you aren't the easiest target. He'd rather go for the low hanging fruit, first. So the devil goes after your children.

The devil hates your children.

He will use any and all means to destroy their faith and cast doubt in their hearts. He is the worker of all kinds of great shame and vice. That is why the Lord has given your children parents. He uses you as an instrument to teach his Word to the little ones. He gives you his Scriptures to read to them at home. He gives you creeds (like the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds) to teach them to recite their faith in defense to all who ask them. He gives you hymns so that you can sing the gifts of righteousness and Jesus' love with everyone in your house.

But what prepares parents for the task? God knows that you need to be built up. He knows what you need to support this body and life. He knows what your children need. He knows what your nieces and nephews need and the grandchildren and the neighbor's children. He knows that life is given through his Word. He sends his Holy Spirit to call you with the Gospel, to enlighten you with Baptism, Absolution, and the Lord's Supper. He makes you and your children holy by his Word. We are daily and richly forgiven of all our sins and we forgive everyone who sins against us. We love because Jesus first loved us. We forgive because he first forgave us. We live because of his love for you and your children. We live because he died on the Cross and rose again.

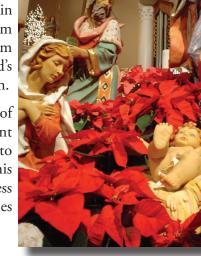
Jesus is delighted in you and your children.

There is much rejoicing in heaven over one person that repents. Therefore, God sets you in a community of believers. He calls you to be a part of the Our Savior Lutheran family. He makes you new in the preaching of his Word of Absolution and feeds you the very food of heaven. Come again and hear the Word proclaimed. Be fed and made new in Jesus and his gifts.

Jesus loves your children.

It is all the rage to let our children decide everything for themselves. That is what the devil wants. He wants you to abdicate your vocation as parent and let the little ones fend for themselves. That is not the way of the Lord. The Lord bids that you pick up your children and bring them to his loving arms. Jesus wants to bless your children. He wants them hearing the Gospel. Jesus died on the cross and rose again for them. He wants them to remember their Baptism everyday. He wants them to be made new in the forgiveness won for them. He wants you to teach them that Word, bring them to the preaching of the Gospel, and to receive the Lord's Supper. He wants them to sing the faith. He wants them confessing their faith.

How great is it that we have been given such a vibrant gift. The preached Word of God and his holy Sacraments are what make Our Savior Lutheran such a vibrant place. The God of heaven and earth chooses to dwell with you and chooses to give you his gifts. He has these gifts for your whole family. Rejoice with me this Advent and Christmas in the true Word of God, in the good gifts of forgiveness and life, and in the beautiful Baby of Bethlehem. He came for you. He comes even again for you. Come hear his Word.



Pastor Cholak



You're invited to our interactive, LIVE nativity:

Bethlehem Village & Scripture Scene Meditative Walk

> Saturday, December 9, 2023 5:00 - 7:00 pm

Our Savior Lutheran Church • 5000 W Tidwell Rd, Houston TX 77091

Rain-out Date: 12.16.23

Wednesdays

December 6, 13 & 20 Worship at 7:00 pm

Our fellowship suppers are in the Bible Class Room from 5:30-6:30pm, prepared by Chef Diana DeForest, and served by:

Parish Ed — Dec 06 LWML Cheerful Helpers — Dec 13 Men Alive! — Dec 20

ADVENT

Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

ISAIAH 7:14, KJV



Sunday, Dec 3

12:00 noon following Sunday School

Meet in the narthex and help with this OSL tradition of Hanging of the Greens. This is a great afternoon for the family to share. There is something for teenagers on up, Men & Women! The Altar Guild appreciates your help! For any questions contact Amy Adams, (713) 419-4125 or aaadams@mac.com.

Sandwiches & drinks will be provided for the workers in the narthex.

Let's Go Caroling!

Christmas Caroling is set for **December 17th, at 5:00 pm.** This is an event for the whole family! We meet at the church, travel together by bus, then come back to church for snacks and fellowship. Bring a snack to share and come with your voices strong and ready to sing. Jeff Armstrong will lead us as we sing to our shut-in members and spread some Christmas cheer!



Dear OSL Church:

Behold, God is my helper; the Lord is the upholder of my life... With a free will offering I will sacrifice to you; I will give thanks to your name, O Lord, for it is good. For He has delivered me from every trouble, and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies. - Psalm 54: 4, 6-7

We have reached the second mid quarter and will finish our first semester of this school year before Christmas. This past month we welcomed over 600 members of our school community and family to join us for our annual Thanksgiving Feast. We look forward to this event every year as our nation pauses to thank God for His provisions and grace for His people and for our nation. We are especially thankful for your partnership with us in serving families for Jesus Christ.

Our school participated in a canned food drive for St. Monica's Pantry. Our generous school families donated nearly 2000 lbs. of food. We are thankful for opportunities to serve our community and help our neighbors.

We did not hold classes or practices during the week of Thanksgiving to allow our families to travel and spend time with loved ones.

We are excited to share our Kindergarten choir, who will sing for worship on Sunday, December 3. We also invite you to join us for our Christmas programs on Tuesday, December 12 at 6pm and 7pm in the church.

#Giving Tuesday has recently passed. We know you have many requests to support worthy organizations each year. Please prayerfully consider supporting our Eagle Fund to help us reach our \$50,000 goal for our 2023 campaign. If you are able to support our fund, visit www.oslschool.org/giving to join in our efforts to increase our margin of excellence at Our Savior Lutheran School. Donations can also be made in person at the school office.

May God richly bless your Advent and Christmas season.

In His Service, Principal Kate Thoelke











Beautify the church...

The Altar Guild will be decorating our church with poinsettias again this year. Celebrate the joy of our newborn Savior with flowers in memory of loved ones or a special occasion. Your dedication will be printed in a special book that will be handed out at the Christmas services.

Below is a form you may use and place in the offering plate, mail to us, or email your request to Jackie at jlowery@osl.cc. Each poinsettia plant is \$15.00. Checks are to be made out to OSL.

Poinsettias will be available for pick up after the New Year's Eve Service. Poinsettia dedication deadline for the book is December 17th.

Yes, I want poinsettias @ \$15.00 each = enclosed.	
Name:	
Dedication:	





BRISKET

<u> FUNDRAISER</u>

\$100 WHOLE • \$50 HALF

FRIDAY, DEC 15, 3 PM

PICK UP AFTER SCHOOL

DEADLINE TO ORDER IS MONDAY, DEC 11

NAME:	PHONE
MAML.	

QTY: WHOLE _____ HALF ____

CHECKS PAYABLE TO "KAREN BORDAS"

RETURN FORMS TO OSL 8TH GRADER OR OSL SCHOOL OFFICE.

CANNOT GUARENTEE LEAN OR FAT SIDE FOR HALF BRISKET ORDERS.

ORDER BY MONDAY, DECEMBER 11.

- 1 Kirsten Daniel Luke Gerard Kristie Mitschke
- 2 Ed Eckert Bess Queen Diane Shannon
- 3 Linda Banes Bo Guevara John Michael Kenward Mike Kettler
- 4 Sean Gerke Sandi Hall
- 5 Bryce Cupit
 Jackie Gbur
 Jackie Gerard
 Jagueline Morris
- 6 Jo-Caroll Mueller Aaron White Christopher Williams
- 8 Jim Erickson Lara Martens Cristina Nino Lonnie Roesel
- 10 Taylor Kriegbaum
- 11 Amanda Crabtree Kristen Cupit Adeline Lowery
- 12 Bernadette Burttschell Bryson Rhoads

- 13 Cynthia Ibarguengoytia Justin Homfeld Alyssa Luna Laurie Stevens
- 14 Christie Lawson Glenn Ramsey Darcie Wilbanks
- 15 Cameron Erickson David Layson Phyllis Quiroz
- 16 Lisa Bush Thea Mushinski James Sowell
- 17 Erin Morrissey Thomas Wilbanks
- 18 Becky Blackmar
- 19 Aubrey Akhtar Shirley May Blaire McLarry Sue Struckmeyer
- 20 Linda Noack Solomon Waiser
- 21 Norman Adams Mel Derong Evelyn Hempy Dorothy Kasper Kirk Kemnitz Sandra Latigo Bill Prestwood

- 22 Jay Aisenbray IV Penny Schlanser
- 23 Kenneth Thompson
- 24 Michelle McCharen Janiah Thomas
- 25 George Boerger Debra Wied
- 26 Bradley Shipes Bruno Ferrarese
- 27 Riley Bennett Rance Duerr Austin Byron Pugh IV
- 28 Haley Clothier
 Kendall Horn
 Sandra Melcher
 Margarita Schellberg
 Aaden Vazquez-Rodriguez
- 29 Daniel Eckert Sophie Garcia Charlotte Kemnitz Christy McKinzie Evelyn Taylor
- 30 Katrin Daniel Glenn Frazier Bruce Kollmorgen Wendy Ward
- 31 Trevor Banes Karlee Dodson Brent Musgrove Jim Nitsch



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

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Church Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:00 am-5:00 pm Friday 8:00 am-4:00 pm



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Dec	em **	Bei		023	1	Men's Breakfast 8:30am Men Alive- A101 9:00am Nativity Practice and Fitting-BC
3 Advent 8:15am Bible Class 8:15am Confirmation Class-YR 9:30am Matins 10:45am Sunday School 12:00pm Hanging the Greens 12:00pm Exultae Brass- Choir Rm 4:00pm Sr Youth Meeting-YR 6:00pm Non-OSL Confirmation- Zoom	4 6:00pm Young Adults Bible Study- YR 6:30pm Potter's Vessel-FR 7:00pm New Member Class-BC	5 7:00pm Church Council-BC	6 6:30am Men's Bible Study-BC 10:00am Bible Class-BC 12:00pm Bulletin Deadline 5:30pm Advent Meal-BC 7:00pm Advent Service	7 3:00pm Prayer Request printing deadline 6:00pm UH Campus Ministry 6:15pm Carillon Ringers 7:00pm Jubilate Choir 7:00pm Lutheran Confessions Bible Study -BC 7:00pm Word Web Bible Study-Zoom	l, _T	9 10:00am GEMS YOUth in Mission-LWML Group-YR 5:00pm Living Nativity Event
8:15am Bible Class 8:15am Confirmation Class-YR 9:30am Communion 10:45am Sunday School 12:00pm Laudate-Choir Rm 12:30pm LWML Christmas Party-BC 4:00pm Sr Youth Christmas Party-YR 6:00pm Non-OSL Confirmation-Zoom	8th Grade Brisket Fundraiser Order Deadline - School 9:00am Joseph's Guild of Colors- LWML 6:00pm Young Adults Bible Study- YR 7:00pm New Member Class-BC	12 8:30am Braille 6:00pm Preschool-2nd Grade Christmas Program 6:30pm Trustees- Maintenance Bldg. 7:00pm 3rd-8th Grade Christmas Program 7:00pm Parish Ed mtg-YR	13 6:30am Men's Bible Study-BC 10:00am Bible Class-BC 12:00pm Bulletin Deadline 5:30pm Advent Meal-BC 7:00pm Advent Service	3:00pm Prayer Request printing deadline 6:15pm Carillon Ringers 7:00pm Elders mtg-BC 7:00pm Jubilate Choir 7:00pm Word Web Bible Study-Zoom	AFIGE VELOCITY OF A STATE OF A ST	16 (Nativity Rain Date) 8:30am Men Alive 20th Annual Charity GOLF Z W X 4 Z C O O I
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Those	To	Serve -	December	2023
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Acolytes	12/03/23	9:30 AM	Livy Adams / Lily Luna
Carts	12/03/23	9:30 AM	Adams Team
Elders	12/03/23	9:30 AM	James Kriegel / Alvin Fritsche / Ken Wright / Brandon Shipes
Evangelism	12/03/23	9:30 AM	Team 2 Garry
Greeters	12/03/23	9:30 AM	TEAM 6: Nalley / Edwards
Sound	12/03/23	9:30 AM	Greenwood
Ushers	12/03/23	9:30 AM	Downie Team
Acolytes	12/06/23	7:00 PM	Huck Bender / Austin Pugh / Caden Williams
Carts	12/06/23	7:00 PM	Pampell Team
Elders	12/06/23	7:00 PM	James Kriegel / Alvin Fritsche / Ken Wright / Brandon Shipes
Evangelism	12/06/23	7:00 PM	Team 2 Garry
Greeters	12/06/23	7:00 PM	TEAM 7: Fehrenkamp / Fritsche
Sound	12/06/23	7:00 PM	Greenwood
Ushers	12/06/23	7:00 PM	Downie Team
Acolytes	12/10/23	9:30 AM	George Baughman / Blake Farr
Altar Guild	12/10/23	9:30 AM	Lorie Moehlman Team
Carts	12/10/23	9:30 AM	Downie Team
Comm Asst.	12/10/23	9:30 AM	James Kriegel / Ken Wright / Brandon Shipes / Dennis Mueller
Elders	12/10/23	9:30 AM	James Kriegel / Alvin Fritsche / Ken Wright / Brandon Shipes
Evangelism	12/10/23	9:30 AM	Team 3 James
Greeters	12/10/23	9:30 AM	TEAM 8: Greenwood / Domann / Peterson
Sound	12/10/23	9:30 AM	Blake
Ushers	12/10/23	9:30 AM	Gobrogge Team
Acolytes	12/13/23	7:00 PM	Lucas Downie / Wesley White / Kaden Resendez
Carts	12/13/23	7:00 PM	Kriegel Team
Elders	12/13/23	7:00 PM	James Kriegel / Alvin Fritsche / Ken Wright / Brandon Shipes
Evangelism	12/13/23	7:00 PM	Team 3 James
Greeters	12/13/23	7:00 PM	TEAM 9: Kemnitz / Kunkel
Sound	12/13/23	7:00 PM	Blake
Ushers	12/13/23	7:00 PM	Gobrogge Team
Acolytes	12/17/23	9:30 AM	Paige Lawder / Evan Wood
Carts	12/17/23	9:30 AM	Gavin Team
Elders	12/17/23	9:30 AM	James Kriegel / Alvin Fritsche / Ken Wright / Brandon Shipes
Evangelism	12/17/23	9:30 AM	Team 4 Robert
Greeters	12/17/23	9:30 AM	TEAM 10: Schmidt / Stuhr
Sound	12/17/23	9:30 AM	Whiting
Ushers	12/17/23	9:30 AM	Symcox Team
Acolytes	12/20/23	7:00 PM	Kendall Horn / Harlow Schatte / Cade Witt
Carts	12/20/23	7:00 PM	Stephens Team
Elders	12/20/23	7:00 PM	James Kriegel / Alvin Fritsche / Ken Wright / Brandon Shipes
Evangelism	12/20/23	7:00 PM	Team 4 Robert
Greeters	12/20/23	7:00 PM	TEAM 1: Blackmar / Carter
Sound	12/20/23	7:00 PM	Whiting
Ushers	12/20/23	7:00 PM	Symcox Team

Acolytes	12/24/23	9:30 AM	Anna Daniel / Austin Pugh	
Altar Guild	12/24/23	9:30 AM	Barbara Mushinski Team	
Carts	12/24/23	9:30 AM	Adams Team	
Comm Asst.	12/24/23	9:30 AM	James Kriegel / Ken Wright / Brandon Shipes / Dennis Mueller	
Elders	12/24/23	9:30 AM	James Kriegel / Alvin Fritsche / Ken Wright / Brandon Shipes	
Evangelism	12/24/23	9:30 AM	Team 5 Al	
Greeters	12/24/23	9:30 AM	TEAM 2: Renevier	
Sound	12/24/23	9:30 AM	Witt	
Ushers	12/24/23	9:30 AM	Halbert Team	
		Christm	as Eve	
Acolytes	12/24/23	6:00 PM	Iris Ferrarese / Stella Halbert / Janiah Thomas / Emma Witt / Tyler Wood	
Carts	12/24/23	6:00 PM	Pampell Team	
Elders	12/24/23	6:00 PM	James Kriegel / Alvin Fritsche / Ken Wright / Brandon Shipes	
Evangelism	12/24/23	6:00 PM	Team 5 Al	
Greeters	12/24/23	6:00 PM	TEAM 3: Cherington / Guevara	
Sound	12/24/23	6:00 PM	Wilbanks	
Ushers	12/24/23	6:00 PM	Downie Team	
Christmas Day				
Acolytes	12/25/23	9:30 AM	Livy Adams / George Baughman / Huck Bender / Harlow Schatte / Abi Halbert	
Altar Guild	12/25/23	9:30 AM	Amanda Crabtree Team	
Carts	12/25/23	9:30 AM	Downie Team	
Comm Asst.	12/25/23	9:30 AM	James Kriegel / Ken Wright / Brandon Shipes / Dennis Mueller	
Elders	12/25/23	9:30 AM	James Kriegel / Alvin Fritsche / Ken Wright / Brandon Shipes	
Evangelism	12/25/23	9:30 AM	Team 5 Al	
Greeters	12/25/23	9:30 AM	TEAM 4: Copeland / Downie	
Sound	12/25/23	9:30 AM	Greenwood	
Ushers	12/25/23	9:30 AM	Gobrogge Team	
Acolytes	12/31/23	9:30 AM	Abby Frazier / Brynn Burttschell	
Carts	12/31/23	9:30 AM	Kriegel Team	
Elders	12/31/23	9:30 AM	James Kriegel / Alvin Fritsche / Ken Wright / Brandon Shipes	
Evangelism	12/31/23	9:30 AM	Team 1 Lee	
Greeters	12/31/23	9:30 AM	TEAM 5: Friedrich / Kriegel	
Sound	12/31/23	9:30 AM	Blake	
Ushers	12/31/23	9:30 AM	Symcox Team	
Acolytes	12/31/23	7:00 PM	Lily Luna / Cade Witt	
Altar Guild	12/31/23	7:00 PM	Glenda Cochran Team	
Carts	12/31/23	7:00 PM	Gavin Team	
Comm Asst.	12/31/23	7:00 PM	James Kriegel / Ken Wright / Brandon Shipes / Dennis Mueller	
Elders	12/31/23	7:00 PM	James Kriegel / Alvin Fritsche / Ken Wright / Brandon Shipes	
Evangelism	12/31/23	7:00 PM	Team 1 Lee	
Greeters	12/31/23	7:00 PM	TEAM 6: Nalley / Edwards	
Sound	12/31/23	7:00 PM	Blake	
Ushers	12/31/23	7:00 PM	Halbert Team	

Memorials & Missions

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

Alan Fritsche

Gary & Beverly Hintz (Music Ministry)

Monroe & Dorothy Kasper

Jeanelle Lee (OSL School)

Jim & Michelle McNutt

Lona Reeves (Trustees)

Lyle & Karen Schmidt

Arlene Wottrich

Bob & Pat Wottrich

MISSIONS:

Africa – May Family LWML Night Circle





The Houston Lutheran Chorale will present three Christmas Concerts to help bring people into the Christmas Spirit. The three concerts are these locations:

- 1. December 1, 7:30pm

 Memorial Katy Lutheran Church
 5810 3rd St.

 Katy, TX 77493
- 2. December 2, 7:30pm

 New Life Lutheran Church
 3521 E. Orange St.

 Pearland, TX 77581
- **3. December 3, 4:00pm**Immanuel Lutheran Church 306 E. 15th St.
 Houston, TX 77008

All concerts are free and everyone is invited to attend and share in the joys of Christmas. There will be opportunities for audience participation as well. Come on out for an evening of joyful music, just as long ago, "The Night the Angels Sang."

Our Savior Lutheran Church & School

5000 W. Tidwell Rd Houston TX 77091-4633

Return Service Requested



New Year's Eve

I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations; therefore nations will praise you forever and ever. Psalm 45:17

Remembrance Service
Sunday, December 31 @ 7:00 pm
with Holy Communion

Serving Families for Jesus Christ