

Advent & Christmas Schedule

Wednesday Advent Services • December 3, 10 & 17 @ 7:00 PM, with supper served in the Bible Class Room from 5:30-6:30 PM

School Christmas Concert: Monday, December 8 @ 6:30 PM

School Christmas Programs: Tuesday, December 16 Preschool-2nd Grade @ 6:00 PM • 3rd-5th Grade @ 7:00 PM

> Christmas Eve Candlelight Service: Wednesday, December 24 @ 6:00pm with Orchestra, Choir, and Candles

Christmas Day Service with Holy Communion
Thursday, December 25 @ 9:30 AM

New Year's Remembrance Service with Holy Communion Wednesday, December 31 @ 7:00 pm



Three Enemies

"Comfort, comfort ye my people, speak ye peace," thus saith our God; "Comfort those who sit in darkness, mourning beneath their sorrow's load. Speak ye to Jerusalem of the peace that waits for them; tell her that her sins I cover and her warfare now is over." (LSB 347)

The Church Calendar revolves around two great feasts: Christmas and Easter. As we begin our Church Year again, we prepare for Christmas. Our God chooses to reconcile you to himself by becoming one of you. The great



mystery of the incarnation is that God becomes man. Your Savior takes on the very body and blood that you and I have. Why does he do this? He does this so that your great enemies would be defeated and you would live victorious with him. As we begin Advent, we ponder this great gift from our God. It is a gift of love. It is a gift that imparts joy and hope. We are not alone, but fighting victorious with Jesus. In our suffering and tribulations, in our joys and thanksgivings, we know the outcome. Our enemies are all destroyed. Who are these enemies? Martin Luther suggests three enemies in his Small Catechism: the Devil, the World, and our Sinful Nature. These three do not want us to hallow God's name or let his kingdom come. They would lead us into unbelief, despair, and other great shame and vice. As we ponder the incarnation of our Lord and prepare for Christmas, prepare yourself against these enemies. Know the truth of the Word against the devil's lies and deceit, guard yourself against the temptations to pleasure, lust, and gluttony as the World dangles its treasures and fancies before your eyes, and remind yourself of the promises of God that are true against the doubt and despair your sinful flesh prepares for you. Remind all your enemies that the battle is won and they are made a footstool for the Lord's feet. Happy New Year! — *Pastor Cholak*

"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." Hebrews 10:24-25

In a world of constant digital connection, it can be easy to lose track of the people physically around us, but as a body of believers, we are called to a higher standard of care and connection. Let us cultivate a community where we are truly present for one another, paying close attention not only to those in the seats beside us but also to those whose seats have become empty. When you notice a familiar face is missing from worship, a Bible study, or a small group, please take a moment to reach out with a quick call, text, or card. Your simple act of noticing and reaching out could be the very lifeline someone needs, demonstrating the tangible love of Christ and ensuring that no member of our spiritual family feels overlooked or alone.

"Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me." Matthew 25:40b

Thank you!

In His service, *Bill Prestwood*Director of Evangelism and Assimilation

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It is with deep regret and a heavy heart

that we must announce the cancellation of this year's highly anticipated Nativity event.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we are unable to proceed with the production as planned. We understand the disappointment this news will bring, and we sincerely apologize to everyone who was looking forward to participating in or attending this cherished tradition.

We want to express our gratitude for your enthusiasm and understanding. The mystery of the Nativity is an important part of our shared holiday celebration, and while we are sad to miss a year, our commitment to this event remains strong.

We are already turning our focus to the future and are excited to confirm that we are actively planning for the return of a Nativity event next year, anticipating a memorable experience for all.

We wish you and your families a peaceful and blessed holiday season.

Sincerely, **Board of Evangelism** and **Assimilation**



Hanging the Greens

Sunday, Dec 7 @ 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 MONDAY, December 22, at 6:00 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 shutin members and spread some Christmas cheer!



Dear Members of Our Savior Lutheran,

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you. Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness. Psalm 51:10-14

November continued the school year filled with events and Eagle sports victories!

As of this writing, the CCLE has not yet met to vote on our reaccreditation; however, we have seen an increase in the number of our teachers submitting their applications for teacher certification. We are thankful for our hard-working, dedicated teachers who live out the mission of "Serving Families for Jesus Christ" each and every day. God has provided abundantly for the needs of our school.



Some highlights for November include:

- We welcomed three new scholars.
- We reached the 2nd mid-quarter of the year.
- We kicked off the 2025 Eagle Fund! Please consider supporting our Eagle Fund!
- Jason's Deli hosted a Spirit Sunday, and Mod Pizza hosted a Spirit Tuesday for us.
- Our basketball team attended the St. Mark's basketball tournament, which was hosted at our school.
- We began preparing for our upcoming Christmas concert (Grades 5-8), scheduled for Monday, December 8, and our Christmas Programs (Grades PS-2 and 3-5) on Tuesday, December 16.
- Our second-grade classes took a field trip.
- We hosted our community again for another amazing Thanksgiving Feast!
- We participated in a food drive to support our neighbors in need at St. Monica's Food Pantry.

The Board of Parochial Education continues in its search for a new principal for our school. Please pray for their wisdom and discernment as they seek a school leader worthy of our beloved

school to take it to the next stage. Please share any names of candidates with school@oslschool.org.

Thank you for your unending support of our school.

Go Eagles!

Warmly, **Principal Thoelke**













LWML Cheerful Helpers

No Bunco this month.

DECEMBER 3:

Serving Advent Meal (arrive @ 5pm, Bible Classroom)

DECEMBER 14:

LWML Christmas Party!

(after Sunday School in Bible Classroom)

Chrismons

Look for Chrismons delivered to your child in Sunday School this month!

Several ladies from the congregation stitch the ornaments - each takes between 30 minutes to an hour - and then they are assembled and prepared for your child.

Chrismons are like little monograms for Christ, in that they give a brief picture of different names of Jesus or aspects of His Work for us. Each Chrismon ornament comes with a Bible verse reference on the back, as well as a brief explanation of the symbol of the ornament. This year, our Chrismon is a crown. Jesus Christ is King like no other – born humbly, to save us from our sin.

On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords. Revelation 19:16

We have a different design each year, on an 18-year cycle. If you would like your child to receive the Chrismons for years that he or she will not be in school, please contact Sarah in to the church office: sbaughman@osl.cc. If you've already ordered Chrismons, we are working on having frames made for those and will give them to you as soon as we can.

We offer these free of charge, but if you are so inclined, you may give a donation toward the OSL Nativity.



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...

Dean & Barbara Mushinski Jim Nitsch

Pam Hubbard..... The Rowdy Gals: Ann, Bev, Deannie, Diana, Glenda, Lona, Loretta, Nelda (to Altar Guild)

Honorarium

Ann Putman's 80th Birthday The Pampell Family (to Altar Guild)

Membership Changes From October to November

INCOMING —

<u>Baptism</u>:

Harley Kim Freeman — November 16, 2025

OUTGOING —

Transfer Out:

Amelie Boerger to First Lutheran Church in Boston, MA

Deaths:

Norbert Pietsch — November 17, 2025 Tom O'Neill — November 17, 2025





Beautify the church for Christmas

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.

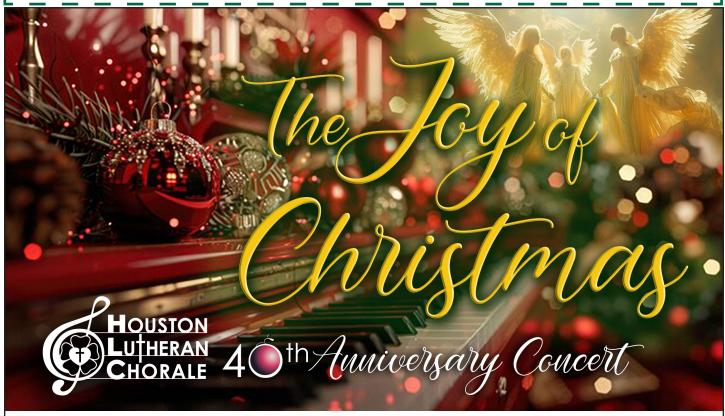
Poinsettias will be available for pick up after the New Year's Service. Poinsettia dedication deadline for the book is December 15th.

Yes, I want _____ poinsettias @ \$15.00 each = _____ enclosed.

Name:

Dedication:





Friday, Dec 5 @ 7:30 PM • Memorial Lutheran, 5810 3rd St, Katy TX Saturday, Dec 6 @ 7:30 PM • Fishers of Men, 2011 Austin Pkwy, Sugar Land TX Sunday, Dec 7 @ 4:00 PM • Immanuel Lutheran, 306 E. 15th St, Houston TX

- 1 Kirsten Daniel Kristie Mitschke
- 2 Ed Eckert Diane Shannon
- 3 Linda Banes Bo Guevara John Michael Kenward Mike Kettler
- 4 Sean Gerke Sandi Hall
- 5 Jackie Gbur Jackie Morris
- 6 Nicholas Mucci Jo-Caroll Mueller Aaron White Christopher Williams
- 8 Kinsley Dinsmore Jim Erickson Lara Martens Cristina Nino Lonnie Roesel
- 11 Amanda Crabtree 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
- 16 Thea Mushinski Jim Sowell
- 17 Erin Morrissey Thomas Wilbanks
- 18 Becky Blackmar Stefanie Work
- 19 Aubrey Akhtar 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
- 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 Charlotte Kemnitz Evelyn Taylor
- 30 Katrin Daniel Glenn Frazier
- 31 Trevor Banes Brent Musgrove Jim Nitsch



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Bible Classes at 8:15 & 10:45am
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Church Office Hours: Monday-Thursday: 8 am-5 pm Fridays: 8 am-4 pm





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2025	1 11:00am Bon Appétit 6:00pm Young Adults Bible Study-YR 7:00pm Life with God- New Member Class - BC	2 7:00pm Church Council- BC	3 6:30am Men's Bible Study-BC 8:15am Chapel - Sanctuary 10:00am Bible Class-BC 12:00pm Bulletin Deadline ADVENT 5:30pm Advent Meal-BC 7:00pm Advent Service	4 3:00pm Prayer Request printing deadline 6:15pm Carillon Ringers 7:00pm Jubilate Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary 7:00pm Word Web Bible Study-Zoom	5	8:30am Men Alive-A101
7 8:15am Bible Class 8:15am Confirmation Class-YR 9:30am Matins 10:45am Sunday School 12:00pm Evangelism Meeting - EO 12:00pm Exultae Brass-Choir Rm 12:00pm Hanging of the Greens 12:00pm Sr Youth Meeting-YR Hanging Greens	9:00am Joseph's Guild of Colors-LWML 6:00pm Young Adults Bible Study-YR CHRISTMAS 6:30pm School Christmas Concert- A101 7:00pm Life with God- New Member Class - BC	9 8:30am Braille 6:30pm Trustees- Maintenance Bldg. 7:00pm Parish Ed mtg- YR 7:00pm Parochial Ed-BC	10 6:30am Men's Bible Study-BC 8:15am Chapel - Sanctuary 10:00am Bible Class-BC 12:00pm Bulletin Deadline ADVENT 5:30pm Advent Meal-BC 7:00pm Advent Service	11 3:00pm Prayer Request printing deadline 6:15pm Carillon Ringers 7:00pm Jubilate Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary 7:00pm Word Web Bible Study-Zoom	12 9:00am Joseph's Guild of Colors-LWML	13 10:00am GEMS YOUth in Mission-LWML Group-YR
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28 8:15am Bible Class 8:15am Confirmation Class-YR 9:30am Communion 10:45am Sunday School 12:00pm Jr Youth Fusion-YR	29 12:00pm Bulletin Deadline 3:00pm Prayer Request printing deadline	30	Church Office Closed 7:00pm New Years Eve Communion Service	1 Church Office Closed	2 Church Office Closed	3 8:30am Men Alive-A101

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Acolytes	12/03/25	7:00 PM	William Garcia / Bree Lawder / Jordyn Petree	
Carts	12/03/25	7:00 PM	Kriegel Team	
Elders	12/03/25	7:00 PM	Bruce Blake / John Wilbanks / Lanny Moore / Aaron White	
Evangelism	12/03/25	7:00 PM	Team 1: Nino	
Greeters	12/03/25	7:00 PM	TEAM 5: Friedrich / Kriegel	
Sound	12/03/25	7:00 PM	J. Wilbanks	
Ushers	12/03/25	7:00 PM	Halbert Team	
Acolytes	12/07/25	9:30 AM	Clementine Bender / Brynn Burttschell	
Carts	12/07/25	9:30 AM	Gavin Team	
Elders	12/07/25	9:30 AM	Bruce Blake / John Wilbanks / Lanny Moore / Aaron White	
Evangelism	12/07/25	9:30 AM	Team 2: Stuhr	
Greeters	12/07/25	9:30 AM	TEAM 6: Edwards	
Sound	12/07/25	9:30 AM	Greenwood	
Ushers	12/07/25	9:30 AM	Downie Team	
Acolytes	12/10/25	7:00 PM	Trip Halbert / Melanija Jokic / Gunnar Nitsch	
Carts	12/10/25	7:00 PM	Stephens Team	
Elders	12/10/25	7:00 PM	Bruce Blake / John Wilbanks / Lanny Moore / Aaron White	
Evangelism	12/10/25	7:00 PM	Team 2: Stuhr	
Greeters	12/10/25	7:00 PM	TEAM 7: Fehrenkamp	
Sound	12/10/25	7:00 PM	Greenwood	
Ushers	12/10/25	7:00 PM	Downie Team	
Acolytes	12/14/25	9:30 AM	Julie Azzi / Max Berry	
Altar Guild	12/14/25	9:30 AM	Clarissa Worthing Team 6	
Carts	12/14/25	9:30 AM	Adams Team	
Comm Asst.	12/14/25	9:30 AM	Bruce Blake / John Wilbanks / Lanny Moore / Aaron White / Bo Guevara	
Elders	12/14/25	9:30 AM	Bruce Blake / John Wilbanks / Lanny Moore / Aaron White	
Evangelism	12/14/25	9:30 AM	Team 3: Kriegel	
Greeters	12/14/25	9:30 AM	TEAM 8: Greenwood / Domann	
Sound	12/14/25	9:30 AM	T. Wilbanks	
Ushers	12/14/25	9:30 AM	Gobrogge Team	
Acolytes	12/17/25	7:00 PM	George Baughman / Sophia Williams / Camryn Winfree	
Carts	12/17/25	7:00 PM	Pampell Team	
Elders	12/17/25	7:00 PM	Bruce Blake / John Wilbanks / Lanny Moore / Aaron White	
Evangelism	12/17/25	7:00 PM	Team 3: Kriegel	
Greeters	12/17/25	7:00 PM	TEAM 10: Schmidt / Stuhr	
Sound	12/17/25	7:00 PM	T. Wilbanks	
Ushers	12/17/25	7:00 PM	Gobrogge Team	
Acolytes	12/21/25	9:30 AM	Aria Ferrarese / Iris Ferrarese	
Carts	12/21/25	9:30 AM	Downie Team	
Elders	12/21/25	9:30 AM	Bruce Blake / John Wilbanks / Lanny Moore / Aaron White	
Evangelism	12/21/25	9:30 AM	Team 4: O'Neill / Schmidt	

Greeters	12/21/25	9:30 AM	TEAM 9: Kemnitz / Kunkel				
Sound	12/21/25	9:30 AM	Whiting				
Ushers	12/21/25	9:30 AM	Symcox Team				
Christmas Eve							
Acolytes	12/24/25	6:00 PM	Abby Frazier / Isabelle Frazier / Stella Halbert / Austin Pugh / Wesley White				
Carts	12/24/25	6:00 PM	Kriegel Team				
Elders	12/24/25	6:00 PM	Bruce Blake / John Wilbanks / Lanny Moore / Aaron White				
Evangelism	12/24/25	6:00 PM	Team 4: O'Neill / Schmidt				
Greeters	12/24/25	6:00 PM	TEAM 1: Carter/Malsons				
Sound	12/24/25	6:00 PM	Whiting				
Ushers	12/24/25	6:00 PM	Symcox Team				
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Acolytes	12/25/25	9:30 AM	Bree Lawder / Paige Lawder				
Altar Guild	12/25/25	9:30 AM	Barbara Mushinski Team 8				
Carts	12/25/25	9:30 AM	Gavin Team				
Comm Asst.	12/25/25	9:30 AM	Bruce Blake / John Wilbanks / Lanny Moore / Aaron White / Bo Guevara				
Elders	12/25/25	9:30 AM	Bruce Blake / John Wilbanks / Lanny Moore / Aaron White				
Evangelism	12/25/25	9:30 AM	Team 4: O'Neill / Schmidt				
Greeters	12/25/25	9:30 AM	TEAM 2: Renevier				
Sound	12/25/25	9:30 AM	Witt				
Ushers	12/25/25	9:30 AM	Halbert Team				
Acolytes	12/28/25	9:30 AM	Anna Daniel / Katrin Daniel				
Altar Guild	12/28/25	9:30 AM	Ann Putman Team 1				
Carts	12/28/25	9:30 AM	Stephens Team				
Comm Asst.	12/28/25	9:30 AM	Bruce Blake / John Wilbanks / Lanny Moore / Aaron White / Bo Guevara				
Elders	12/28/25	9:30 AM	Bruce Blake / John Wilbanks / Lanny Moore / Aaron White				
Evangelism	12/28/25	9:30 AM	Team 5: Malson				
Greeters	12/28/25	9:30 AM	TEAM 3: Cherington / Guevara				
Sound	12/28/25	9:30 AM	Witt				
Ushers	12/28/25	9:30 AM	Downie Team				
Acolytes	12/31/25	7:00 PM	Holly Crabtree / Sydney Leamon				
Altar Guild	12/31/25	7:00 PM	Jeanene Lunsford Team 7				
Carts	12/31/25	7:00 PM	Adams Team				
Comm Asst.	12/31/25	7:00 PM	Bruce Blake / John Wilbanks / Lanny Moore / Aaron White / Bo Guevara				
Elders	12/31/25	7:00 PM	Bruce Blake / John Wilbanks / Lanny Moore / Aaron White				
Evangelism	12/31/25	7:00 PM	Team 5: Malson				
Greeters	12/31/25	7:00 PM	TEAM 4: Copeland / Downie				
Sound	12/31/25	7:00 PM	J. Wilbanks				
Ushers	12/31/25	7:00 PM	Gobrogge Team				

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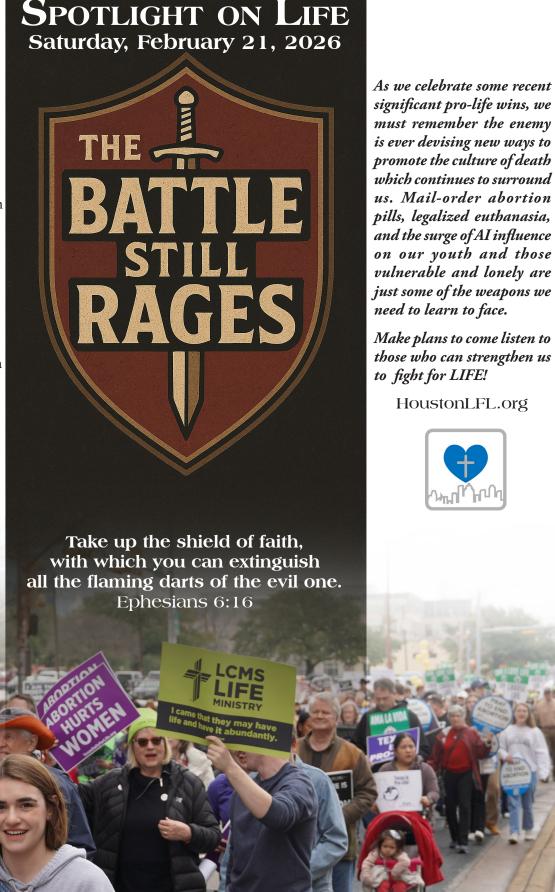
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Rev. Laurence White Our Savior Lutheran, Houston

Eva Nitsch & Caroline KleinPro-Life Aggies:
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