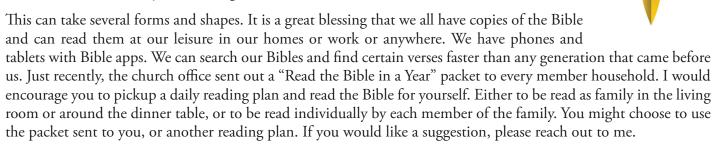


Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Lord places the solitary in families. The Lord God places us in a congregation of believers in Christ. He calls us by the Gospel at the work of the Holy Spirit. We know that these "means of grace" are the avenues by which God creates faith, nourishes it, strengthens it, and guards it. He calls his Word your (rightly fit for your hand) sword. It makes sense that we should know everything about this sword. We should be comfortable using it. In other words, we should know the Holy Scriptures inside and out. So as the new year unfolds and our new year's resolutions begin to die, I encourage you all to pick up the study of the Bible anew. But, also, encourage one another in this study and reading of the Word of God.



Reading the Bible is indeed beneficial to the Christian faith. Studying the Bible with other Christians is also important. We have many opportunities to study the Bible as a Christian congregation. We have Bible studies that meet on Sunday before church and after, Bible studies that meet throughout the week, and even one Bible study that meets on Zoom. Pick a Bible study and encourage the members of your family to do the same. See the bulletin or the monthly calendar for the full list of all the Bible study offerings at Our Savior. (If any of you would be interested in a midweek meeting as a small group to study the Word, please reach out to me.)

The Holy Spirit always brings the Word with him. He brings Jesus everywhere he goes. The Holy Spirit brings Jesus to you and me. I encourage you to a lively study of that Lord and Savior with the brothers and sisters in Christ that God has placed you with at Our Savior. If you have any questions about Bible reading or Bible study, please reach out to me or Pastor White. We would be glad to help! God's richest blessings upon your studies.

Pastor Cholak



Join Us for Fellowship Family BINGO Night

Saturday, February 10 at 6:00 pm!

Bring the family for a fun night of fabulous food, BINGO & prizes, Saturday, February 10, at 6:00 PM, in the School Cafeteria.

Bring your favorite pot of **NEW ORLEANS' STYLE or CAJUN dish** to share, and we will provide the **KING CAKE** and drinks!

Remember your white-elephant gifts for the BINGO prizes!

Good time to clean out your games, toys & books, or bring something fun & new.

We will also have some CASH prizes as well!

LWML

We have resumed Bunco – join us the third Saturday of the month (Feb 17) for a fun morning of fellowship at 10am!



Mativity

We are planning for our December event. If you would like to help at the ground-level of this outreach effort, please contact Sarah in the church office (sbaughman@osl.cc).

Chrismons

We are already working on the pattern for Christmas 2024! If you'd like to help with making these simple but meaningful ornaments, please contact Sarah in the church office (sbaughman@osl.cc).

Women's Retreat

An OSL women's retreat is in the works... Save the Date: April 5-6, 2024 at Camp Lone Star. More information to come soon!

Lenten Meals!

We thank all our groups who volunteered to serve for our upcoming Wednesday Lenten meals, which are served in the Bible Class Room, from 5:30-6:30 pm. Chef Diana DeForest will prepare the meals, so our volunteers will be doing the setup, serving, and cleanup. Join us each week as a wonderful way for fellowship with your church family.

Ash Wednesday, Feb 14: Fellowship / Spaghetti

Feb 21: OSL School Administration / Hamburgers



Feb 28: LWML / Baked Potato with chopped brisket

March 06: Bon Appétit / Pulled Pork Sandwiches

March 13: Elders/Holy Smokers-Smoked Chicken with mashed potatoes, green beans & dinner roll

March 20: Music Ministry / Chicken Alfredo

Order Easter Flowers

Help celebrate the joy of our risen Christ with flowers in memory of, or in celebration of loved ones, or a special occasion. Your dedication will be printed in the Easter bulletin, on March 31. Fill out this form and turn it in to the church office (mail or offering plate), or email your request to Jackie at jlowery@osl.cc. Each lily or mum is \$15.00. Checks are to be made out to OSL. Flowers may be picked up after the Easter Service, or from the church office Tuesday - Friday, April 2-5. *Dedication deadline for the bulletin is Palm Sunday, March 24.*



I would like plant(s) @ \$15.00 each = \$	
Name:	
Dedication:	



Dear Our Savior Lutheran Church,

O God, we have heard with our ears, our fathers have told, what deeds you performed in their days, in the days of old: you with your own hand drove out the nations, but them you planted; you afflicted the peoples, but them you set free; for not by their own sword did they win the land, nor did their own arm save them, but your right hand and your arm, and the light of your face, for you delighted in them. Psalm 44:1-3

Our 2nd semester at school is off to a great start! Our JV Girls' Basketball team won the tournament we hosted. Cheering them on was so much fun, and the girls played their hearts out.

We also had a much-needed day off after MLK Day when the weather was icy and cold. This Monday was an excellent opportunity for everyone to relax and recharge after our tournament, and we are thankful everyone stayed safe and warm, and the school did not experience any issues with the extreme temperatures—Thanks be to God!

We celebrated National Lutheran Schools Week with many fun activities, including Chapel Family Bible Studies on our theme verse, John 15:1-5. Many participated in the dress-up days of crazy socks, hats, and headbands because we are "Crazy for OSL." We wore Christian shirts to show we are connected to the Church, too. We collected items and prepared lunch bags for needy school children in our community, competed in Bible Bowls, and had House relay



competitions on our Sports Courts. We hope you were able to obtain a prayer list. Please continue to pray for our OSL scholars, teachers, and staff members throughout the year. Please pray for God's provision and grace as we serve our young scholars.

In February, we look forward to a special Logic School Night to share with our families what is upcoming for grades 6-8 as parents and scholars have an opportunity to hear from our teachers, learn about the curriculum we teach, and hear about the fun activities they will now be able to participate in. We are excited to celebrate Spirit Week again with dress-up days, a pep rally, and the State basketball tournament. We will also be celebrating Valentine's Day with parties for grades Preschool-4. The kids will make cards and crafts, play games, and eat yummy treats. We will also have a special Ash Wednesday Chapel on February 14 as we enter the season of Lent.

We hope you will join us for some of these upcoming events, including a weekly chapel in the church at 9:45 am every Wednesday or wildly cheering on our Eagles at a basketball game. It would be great to see you and share in the excitement of our school community. Our school website calendar has all the event times and locations if you ever want to join us!

Thank you for your continued support of our school,

Kate Thoelke

Principal

Spotlight on Life: Preparing for Forever

Houston Lutherans For Life is hosting this FREE Workshop in the cafeteria at:

Our Savior Lutheran Church & School

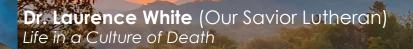
5000 W. Tidwell, Houston TX 77091

Scan the code or visit www.houstonlfl.org to reserve your seat.

February 24, 2024

8:30 AM Check-in • 3:00 PM Wrap-up

Light Breakfast
 6 Intriguing Speakers
 Pound Table Q&A
 Sanctuary
 Bell Tower Tour



Rev. Bryan Wolfmueller (St. Paul Lutheran, Austin) Celebrating Life All the Way to the End

Rev. Robert Paul (Memorial Lutheran) Christian Burial Practices

Rev. Kelly Krieg (Bethlehem Lutheran, William Penn)
God's Word at the End:
How Liturgy Brings Comfort to the Dying

Rev. Ryan Ogrodowicz (Grace Lutheran, Brenham) Angels, Demons, & Death

Rev. Michael Salemink (Lutherans For Life, Executive Dir)
Going Gracefully: How the Christian Gospel Invites Us
to Share in Suffering Instead of Settling for Assisted Suicide









How good are you at remembering names?

Personally, remembering names is something I really continue to work at, because they don't come easy to me.

Imagine you are new to a group, to work, or the neighborhood and someone you hardly know or recently met calls you by name. How would that make you feel? Someone knowing your name, tells you that you made an impression on them, and they cared enough to remember your name. Now imagine you visited a church and on your second visit someone addressed you by name. How would you feel now?

Those who track growing churches state that if a new visitor can't call several people by their names after their third visit, it is unlikely they will keep coming.

The following story shares an encouragement to learn names:

Man Who Has Been Attending Same Church For 21 Years Figures Maybe It's Time To Learn Some People's Names

·Dec 18, 2023 · BabylonBee.com

OLIVE BRANCH, MS — A local man finally reached a significant life milestone after deciding that he should probably start learning the names of some of the people with whom he has attended church for the last 21 years.

"I guess it might be helpful to know what to call people," said Greg Phipps. "I've been coming here every Sunday for over two decades, but I never really felt like it was important to actually know people's names. I suppose I should probably learn a couple of them, at least."

When asked how he's gone this long without knowing anyone, Greg described the intricate system he has been using to identify his fellow attendees. "The church receptionist is 'Glasses Lady," he said. "And the guy who leads worship is 'Ripped Jeans Guy.' Honestly, I haven't really needed to know very many people other than that. Oh, there's also 'Preacher Dude.' He stands up and gives the sermons. Pastor Whoever."

Other members of the congregation at Pleasant Grove Bible Church confirmed that Phipps had been a member for 21 years now. "Yeah, he's a mainstay here," said one congregant. "He's always super friendly, ready with a handshake and a 'Hey there, buddy' or a 'How's it going, pal.' He's one of the more long-standing members of the church. We're happy to have him. Not sure I've ever caught his name, though."

At publishing time, Phipps had also committed to learning the church sound man's name so he could use it when interrupting him during service to let him know the music was too loud.

Can each of us make a commitment for 2024 to learn and remember each other's names? It is important!

Thank you!

Garry Stuhr

Women's Saturday Workouts!

Join me for workouts and fellowship on Saturday mornings. Women of all ages welcome! Whether you're an exercise expert or have never done a workout in your life, you are welcome to come! Starting with the basics, you'll learn how to safely move your body, build strength and coordination, and just have a good time!



Workouts start Saturday, February 10th @ 9:00 AM in the school gym. All you need is comfy clothes, tennis shoes, water, and a towel or yoga mat.

If you have any questions, you can call or text: **Emily Kemnitz** at 713-443-4086. Hope to see you there!

2023 Blanket Report

To:	Big Blue Baby Bus	640
	Baby Bus	262
	Little Ones	167
	Office	543



Total: 1,612

Contributions: OSL finished 572 blankets!

2 Ladies cut all the flannel; several ladies hem flannel; 3 ladies prepare and write notes for blankets; 2 ladies made 1104 burp pads and 71 quilts; 1 embroiders "Jesus Loves Me."

Crocheters:	Trinity (2)	97
	Jan	23
	Zion Tomball (1)	386
	Not Lutheran	455
	Epiphany (1)	47

Other:

June in PA buys, cuts, hems, and mails-Lots.

Gethesemane (1) cuts and hems.

St Mark – Elinor hems most of our flannel since almost beginning, and crochets some.

Pilgrim (1) embroiderer.

Total given to HCFL (2023) = 1,639!

Total since Feb 2011 = 13,354

Many THANKS to all the faithful workers & contributors!

Cindy and Ethelene HCFL and all the Moms receiving blankets

Memorials

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

Alan Fritsche
Ben Schoppe Merri Schoppe
Terry Tomchesson
HONORARIUMS:

Luther Classical College

James & Pat Smithson

Membership Changes

Transfers In:

Charlotte Collins from Good Shepherd Lutheran in Gulf Breeze, FL – November

Rosalie Chapman – Teacher at OSL – From Epiphany Lutheran, Houston – January

Profession of Faith – New Member Class - January:

Diane Baughman Brad Eickenhorst Shirley Melcher Andy Ramsey Don Schmidt Michael Berry Matthew Daniel Kirsten Daniel Anna Daniel Elizabeth Daniel Katrin Daniel Jo Marie Vacanti Liv Haselbach



Baptism:

Luna Hortencia Aguilar — December 17, 2023

Deaths:

Alan Fritsche — October 8, 2023 Dean McDaniel — December 11, 2023

Please welcome our New Members who will be introduced during the service on February 11th.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.



- 1 Megan Gavin Carli Ginn Beverly Hintz Alec Kemnitz Giselle Lopez
- 2 Bella Jewell Morgan Musgrove
- 3 Emily Cezeaux Hannah Pampell
- 4 Melissa Armstrong
- 5 Katherine Johnson Deborah Lazenby David Marburger Erik Morrissey Scott Nitsch Kathleen Taylor Marisol Vasquez
- 6 Bryce Cooper Emma Guevara Kaden Resendez
- 7 Tess Colborn Kat Hooper Zach Manriquez Craig Martens
- 8 Barbara Erickson Sue Fischer Mary Johnson Elena Martens Jody Valentine
- 9 Joni Noble Chuck Resendez Cade Witt Emma Witt

- 10 Kenneth Homfeld Tammie Wright
- 11 Ashley Curtin
 Madison Hess
 Michaela Hess
 Jani Hughes Overgoner
 Vivian Jewell
- 12 Claire Coon
- 13 Sydney Valentine
- 14 Lisa Ward
- 15 Eddie Meyer
- 16 Gerald Hooper Michael Lawder
- 17 Amy Derong Sheryl Henson Lee Nino Maja Stephens
- **18 Summer Morrissey**
- 19 Noelle Crook Tim Fenneberg Jeanelle Lee Terry Moore
- 20 Ken Bartelt Brays DeMoss Alexander Hope John Wilbanks
- 21 Elaine Cox Byron Martens Nikki Smickle

- 22 Travis Eckert Jim McNutt
- 23 Jordyn Boundy Rob Grissom Carlton Homfeld Julie Lierbo Rebekah Listi Faye Spencer Timothy Witt Keira Wright
- 24 Tayler Banes Bob Fehrenkamp Lance Holman
- 25 AJ Akhtar Meghan Bukenya
- 26 Karen Swannie James Walker IV
- 27 Roan Arri Haydyn Boundy Noah Schatte
- 28 Tyler Boundy Harrison Heefner Jay Mynar Wendy Pugh Andy Williams
- 29 Katherine Miller

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> > Church: 713-290-9087 Fax: 713-290-0224 Web: www.0SL.cc

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



F·E·B·R·U·A·R·Y 2024

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 $A = Gym/Cafeteria \bullet B = Early\ Childhood \bullet C = Classrooms \bullet BC = Bible\ Class\ Room \bullet FR = Family\ Room \bullet YR = Youth\ Room \bullet \textit{Italics} = not\ @\ OSL$

Those To Serve - February 2024

Acolytes	02/04/24	9:30 AM	Lucas Downie / Abi Halbert
Carts	02/04/24	9:30 AM	Kriegel Team
Elders	02/04/24	9:30 AM	Brad Whiting / Bradley Synnott / Glenn Frazier / Ken Thompson
Evangelism	02/04/24	9:30 AM	Team 1 Lee
Greeters	02/04/24	9:30 AM	TEAM 1: Blackmar / Carter
Sound	02/04/24	9:30 AM	Blake
Ushers	02/04/24	9:30 AM	Downie Team
Acolytes	02/11/24	9:30 AM	Livy Adams / Kaden Resendez
Altar Guild	02/11/24	9:30 AM	Lorie Moehlman Team
Carts	02/11/24	9:30 AM	Gavin Team
Comm Asst.	02/11/24	9:30 AM	Brad Whiting / Bradley Synnott / Glenn Frazier / Ken Thompson
Elders	02/11/24	9:30 AM	Brad Whiting / Bradley Synnott / Glenn Frazier / Ken Thompson
Evangelism	02/11/24	9:30 AM	Team 2 Garry
Greeters	02/11/24	9:30 AM	TEAM 2: Renevier
Sound	02/11/24	9:30 AM	Whiting
Ushers	02/11/24	9:30 AM	Gobrogge Team
Acolytes	02/14/24	7:00 PM	Huck Bender / Diana Berry / Paige Lawder
Altar Guild	02/14/24	7:00 PM	Clarissa Worthing Team
Carts	02/14/24	7:00 PM	Stephens Team
Comm Asst.	02/14/24	7:00 PM	Brad Whiting / Bradley Synnott / Glenn Frazier / Ken Thompson
Elders	02/14/24	7:00 PM	Brad Whiting / Bradley Synnott / Glenn Frazier / Ken Thompson
Evangelism	02/14/24	7:00 PM	Team 2 Garry
Greeters	02/14/24	7:00 PM	TEAM 3: Cherington / Guevara
Sound	02/14/24	7:00 PM	Whiting
Ushers	02/14/24	7:00 PM	Gobrogge Team
Acolytes	02/18/24	9:30 AM	George Baughman / Blake Farr
Carts	02/18/24	9:30 AM	Adams Team
Elders	02/18/24	9:30 AM	Brad Whiting / Bradley Synnott / Glenn Frazier / Ken Thompson
Evangelism	02/18/24	9:30 AM	Team 3 James
Greeters	02/18/24	9:30 AM	TEAM 4: Copeland / Downie
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Elders	02/21/24	7:00 PM	Thompson
Evangelism	02/21/24	7:00 PM	Team 3 James
Greeters	02/21/24	7:00 PM	TEAM 5: Friedrich / Kriegel
Sound	02/21/24	7:00 PM	Witt
Ushers	02/21/24	7:00 PM	Symcox Team
Acolytes	02/25/24	9:30 AM	Harlow Schatte / Caden Williams
Altar Guild	02/25/24	9:30 AM	Amanda Crabtree Team
Carts	02/25/24	9:30 AM	Downie Team
Comm Asst.	02/25/24	9:30 AM	Brad Whiting / Bradley Synnott / Glenn Frazier / Ken Thompson
Elders	02/25/24	9:30 AM	Brad Whiting / Bradley Synnott / Glenn Frazier / Ken Thompson
Evangelism	02/25/24	9:30 AM	Team 4 Robert
Greeters	02/25/24	9:30 AM	TEAM 6: Nalley / Edwards
Sound	02/25/24	9:30 AM	Wilbanks
Ushers	02/25/24	9:30 AM	Halbert Team
Acolytes	02/28/24	7:00 PM	Abby Frazier / Wesley White / Tyler Wood
Carts	02/28/24	7:00 PM	Kriegel Team
Elders	02/28/24	7:00 PM	Brad Whiting / Bradley Synnott / Glenn Frazier / Ken Thompson
Evangelism	02/28/24	7:00 PM	Team 4 Robert
Greeters	02/28/24	7:00 PM	TEAM 7: Fehrenkamp / Fritsche
Sound	02/28/24	7:00 PM	Wilbanks
Ushers	02/28/24	7:00 PM	Halbert Team





OSL Mother Daughter Banquet 2024

FIESTA?

Saturday March 2nd, 2024 - 6:00 PM \$25 Tickets

On sale February 4th & 11th



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