

OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN'S JANUARY 2024

*Life Sunday:
January 21
9:30 am*

*For we are his
workmanship,
created in Christ
Jesus for good works,
which God prepared
beforehand, that we
should walk in them.
Ephesians 2:10 (ESV)*

Voice

Texas Rally For Life Bus Trip!

Join us on a bus ride to the Texas Rally For Life - **Saturday, January 27!** Our Charter Bus will depart Our Savior Lutheran from the School Cafeteria at **8:00 AM**, and return by 7:00 PM.

The march begins at 1 PM, in the parking lot on 18th & N Congress Ave, and ends at the Capitol with a Rally at 2 PM.

**To reserve your seats
scan the code.**



*Join thousands of Texans to show our elected officials, the media, and the Supreme Court that Texas is pro-life! This event commemorates the Supreme Court's tragic Roe v. Wade decision that imposed legal abortion on Texas and the entire nation throughout all nine months of pregnancy and celebrates the overturning of the terrible precedent set in 1973 ... let's continue the work of turning the tide against this injustice. Learn more:
www.texasrallyforlife.org*

*Open your mouth for the mute, for the rights of all who are destitute.
Proverbs 31:8 esv*

You're invited to join us for
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

February 24, 2024

8:30 AM Check-in • 3:00 PM Wrap-up

- Light Breakfast • 6 Intriguing Speakers
- Delicious Lunch • Round Table Q&A
- Sanctuary & Bell Tower Tour

Our speakers include:

Dr. Laurence White (Our Savior Lutheran)
Life in a Culture of Death

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 Director)
*Going Gracefully: How the Christian Gospel Invites Us to Share in
Suffering Instead of Settling for Assisted Suicide*

Visit www.houstonlfl.org to reserve your seat, or scan the code:



Did you know?

Our Website has so much great information!

- Updated Calendar of events
- Monthly Newsletters
- Service Bulletins
- Bible-in-One-Year Reading Plan
- Sermon Videos
- Daily Devotional
- Information about our different groups
- Prayer Requests
- AND a Member Directory

Our App has the same information PLUS:

- Digital version of our Bible-in-One-Year Reading Plan including audio
- School information and calendar

Help us

by updating your information and adding a picture to the directory.

Don't know your login information or need help with the Member Directory?

Contact Jackie Jolley-Lowery at the church office.

Email: jlowsery@osl.cc
Phone: 713-290-9087

LWML Cheerful Helpers

LWML will resume hosting monthly **Ladies' Bunco** on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 10am in the Bible Classroom. Hope to see you there!

Our Bible Study Circles will also resume in January:

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 (this month, Jan 8) 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.

All ladies of the congregation are welcome to either or both!

Chrismons

Chrismon Ornaments were passed out to the Sunday School children before church on Christmas Eve Morning. If your child missed receiving one, please contact Sarah in the church office: sbaughman@osl.cc or 713-290-9087.

If you would like to support us in providing these, you may:

- **Volunteer to stitch**
- **Donate materials** (or funds for us to purchase them)
- **Donate to the Nativity** (as that fund provided the seed money for starting this ministry)



We also want to express our gratitude to the people who have stitched, donated, created parts, and assembled these ornaments. Your hours of work are very much appreciated!

Thank you!

Dear OSL Church:

Praise the Lord! Praise, O Servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord! Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and forever more! From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised! The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens! Psalm 113:1-4

Thank you for the blessing of our school. We are thankful to announce that Mrs. Payne, one of the fifth-grade teachers, will teach in the Logic School next year as Mr. Dirk Kemnitz will retire after 42 years of service to Our Savior Lutheran School. Mrs. Whitney Ferrarese, church member and school parent of four, will join us in January to support us in marketing and transition with Mrs. Diane Guevara, who will be moving to a new profession after the summer. We are grateful to Dirk and Diane for their dedication to the ministry of Our Savior Lutheran School. We thank God for His provisions for our school. Please pray for our search for a fifth-grade teacher for the 2024-2025 school year.

Our school had an exciting December. Thank you for joining us for our Christmas programs on December 12. Our fourth-grade art classes attended the Nutcracker Ballet. We held our school spelling bee and had a winter sports pep rally. We completed our 1st semester on Wednesday before Christmas with a chapel service. We presented The Story Bible to our Kindergarten scholars and new hymnals to our 1st-grade readers.

Our scholars are now on Christmas break and will return on January 4 after the teachers return on January 3.

May God bless your Christmas celebrations of our Savior's coming as a baby in a manger in Bethlehem.

In His Service,
Kate Thaelke
Principal



Are We All Trusting Jesus?

Summertime is a wonderful time for outdoor fun and family vacations. All winter long the planned for activities are talked about and eagerly waited for. Then comes the decisive moment. The sun is shining. The pool is there. The water is there. The swimsuits are on. The famous “floaties” are around the middle and on the arms. Daddy says “Jump!”

Some children jump quickly. Some children have a little debate with themselves. Then they jump. And some children decide not to jump. They “look at the wind and the waves” and they say no. They know that they are loved. They know their Daddy is big and strong. But they have a feeling they cannot shake. It is fear.

This fear is stronger than their trust. Our situation in this world is much the same. Every child of God is asked to deny themselves, their goals, their fears, and act in faith. Sometimes that looks scary. Sometime that looks insane! I am certain that the story of Moses is told the way it is to remind us that God has a way of challenging our comfort zones. God called him to act in faith.

What is faith? Faith is knowledge of our Father and His Word. Faith is also assent to that knowledge. We agree that God is real, His love is unconditional, and His Promises are sure. But the biggest part of faith is trust. This trust reveals itself in our obedience to His Word of Truth.

When we are pondering the weaknesses, the injustices, and the violence of our culture, some of us point to abortion as the seed, the cause. That there is a child not planned for is partly due to the weaknesses of our culture. That abortion is an example of injustice, violence, unkindness, and bullying, many of us see this clearly. Not everyone sees it this way.

So, when we are asking friends, family, and fellow churchgoers to see it our way, the “wind and the waves” may just be too much for them to manage. They may cringe at the wind of CNN and the waves of “you want me to vote for who????!!” Let us be sure of God’s rebuke on us due to abortion. Let us be aware of our weaknesses and disobediences. Let us be patient and persistent in our pursuit of justice for the little ones. May we all jump when Jesus says, “Jump!”

Jim Freudenstein, 11-29-2023, 832-654-7791, jfreud1953@gmail.com



Taking Down the Greens

Sunday, January 7th @ Noon

*Thanks to everyone who helps, it always goes a lot quicker
the more we have!*

Christmas Caroling!

We had a loaded bus of adults and children when we went caroling at the homes of some of our shut-in members, Sunday, December 17! Christmas goodies and other food were enjoyed by all when we returned to church. Our thanks to all the carolers, our song leader Jeff Armstrong, coordinators Pastor Cholak and Vickie Nitsch, and Bruce Blake, our bus driver.



Memorials & Honorariums

The following donations were given to the glory of God to Forward Faithfully, unless otherwise noted in honor of...

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JANUARY

2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 New Year's Day 9:30am New Year's Day Communion Service	2	3 6:30am Men's Bible Study-BC 12:00pm Bulletin Deadline	4 School Resumes 3:00pm Prayer Request printing deadline 6:15pm Carillon Ringers 7:00pm Jubilate Choir 7:00pm Lutheran Confessions Bible Study Group-BC 7:00pm Word Web Bible Study-Zoom	5	6 Epiphany 8:30am Men Alive-A101  MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST
7 8:15am Bible Class 8:15am Confirmation Class-YR 9:30am Matins 10:45am Sunday School 12:00pm Exultae Brass-Choir Rm 12:00pm Taking Down the Greens 6:00pm Non-OSL Confirmation-Zoom 	8 9:00am Joseph's Guild of Colors-LWML 6:00pm Young Adults Bible Study-YR 6:30pm Potter's Vessel-FR	9 <i>8:30am Braille</i> 6:30pm Trustees-Maintenance Bldg. 7:00pm Elders mtg-BC 7:00pm Parish Ed mtg-YR	10 6:30am Men's Bible Study-BC 10:00am Bible Class-BC 12:00pm Bulletin Deadline	11 3:00pm Prayer Request printing deadline 6:00pm UH Campus Ministry 6:15pm Carillon Ringers 7:00pm Jubilate Choir 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  LWML TEXAS DISTRICT GEMS
14 8:15am Bible Class 8:15am Confirmation Class-YR 9:30am Communion 10:45am Sunday School 12:00pm Laudate-Choir Rm 6:00pm Non-OSL Confirmation-Zoom	15 Martin L. King, Jr. Day  ARTICLE DEADLINE Newsletter Deadline 6:00pm Young Adults Bible Study-YR 7:00pm Last Adult Information Class - Fall Session	16 7:00pm Church Council-BC 7:00pm Night Circle-FR	17 6:30am Men's Bible Study-BC 10:00am Bible Class-BC 12:00pm Bulletin Deadline	18 3:00pm Prayer Request printing deadline 6:00pm Evangelism Meeting - BC 6:00pm UH Campus Ministry 6:15pm Carillon Ringers 7:00pm Jubilate Choir 7:00pm Lutheran Confessions Bible Study Group-BC 7:00pm Word Web Bible Study-Zoom	19	20 10:00am Bunco Women's Social-BC
21 Life Sunday 8:15am Bible Class 8:15am Confirmation Class-YR 9:30am Matins 10:45am Sunday School 12:00pm Cantate-Choir Rm 12:00pm Life Team Meeting-BC 6:00pm Non-OSL Confirmation-Zoom 	22 6:00pm Young Adults Bible Study-YR	23 7:00pm Parochial Ed-BC	24 6:30am Men's Bible Study-BC 10:00am Bible Class-BC 12:00pm Bulletin Deadline	25 3:00pm Prayer Request printing deadline 6:00pm UH Campus Ministry 6:15pm Carillon Ringers 7:00pm Jubilate Choir 7:00pm Word Web Bible Study-Zoom 	26 6:30pm Eagle Evening	27 8:00am Texas Rally for Life-Austin 
28 8:15am Bible Class 8:15am Confirmation Class-YR 9:30am Communion 10:45am Sunday School 12:00pm Laudate-Choir Rm 4:00pm Jr Youth Fusion-YR 6:00pm Non-OSL Confirmation-Zoom	29 11:00am Bon Appétit 6:00pm Young Adults Bible Study-YR	30	31 6:30am Men's Bible Study-BC 10:00am Bible Class-BC 12:00pm Bulletin Deadline	1 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 Group-BC 7:00pm Word Web Bible Study-Zoom	2	3 8:30am Men Alive-A101

A=Gym/Cafeteria • C=Classrooms • BC=Bible Class Room • FR=Family Room • YR=Youth Room • *Italics*=not @ OSL

Those To Serve

January 2024

Acolytes	01/07/24	9:30 AM	Blake Farr / Lorenzo Gonzales
Carts	01/07/24	9:30 AM	Stephens Team
Elders	01/07/24	9:30 AM	Chuck Hall / Scott Nitsch / Shaun Downie / Karl Baughman
Evangelism	01/07/24	9:30 AM	Team 2 Garry
Greeters	01/07/24	9:30 AM	TEAM 7: Fehrenkamp / Fritsche
Sound	01/07/24	9:30 AM	Whiting
Ushers	01/07/24	9:30 AM	Downie Team
Acolytes	01/14/24	9:30 AM	Wesley White / Caden Williams
Altar Guild	01/14/24	9:30 AM	Clarissa Worthing Team
Carts	01/14/24	9:30 AM	Adams Team
Comm Asst.	01/14/24	9:30 AM	Chuck Hall / Scott Nitsch / Shaun Downie / Karl Baughman
Elders	01/14/24	9:30 AM	Chuck Hall / Scott Nitsch / Shaun Downie / Karl Baughman
Evangelism	01/14/24	9:30 AM	Team 3 James
Greeters	01/14/24	9:30 AM	TEAM 8: Greenwood / Domann / Peterson
Sound	01/14/24	9:30 AM	Witt
Ushers	01/14/24	9:30 AM	Gobrogge Team
Acolytes	01/21/24	9:30 AM	Evan Wood / Tyler Wood
Carts	01/21/24	9:30 AM	Pampell Team
Elders	01/21/24	9:30 AM	Chuck Hall / Scott Nitsch / Shaun Downie / Karl Baughman
Evangelism	01/21/24	9:30 AM	Team 4 Robert
Greeters	01/21/24	9:30 AM	TEAM 9: Kemnitz / Kunkel
Sound	01/21/24	9:30 AM	Wilbanks
Ushers	01/21/24	9:30 AM	Symcox Team
Acolytes	01/28/24	9:30 AM	Janiah Thomas / Emma Witt
Altar Guild	01/28/24	9:30 AM	Ann Putman Team
Carts	01/28/24	9:30 AM	Downie Team
Comm Asst.	01/28/24	9:30 AM	Chuck Hall / Scott Nitsch / Shaun Downie / Karl Baughman
Elders	01/28/24	9:30 AM	Chuck Hall / Scott Nitsch / Shaun Downie / Karl Baughman
Evangelism	01/28/24	9:30 AM	Team 5 Al
Greeters	01/28/24	9:30 AM	TEAM 10: Schmidt / Stuhr
Sound	01/28/24	9:30 AM	Greenwood
Ushers	01/28/24	9:30 AM	Halbert Team



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Thank you to the many people who helped with the planning, preparation, and execution of our Nativity!

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Exulte:

August B
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Amanda C
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Shirley S

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Susan S

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Clementine B



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Potter:

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Thank you to the many, many people who donated items, their time, and their talents to make this such a memorable evening of sharing the Good News of God's Plan of Salvation!



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