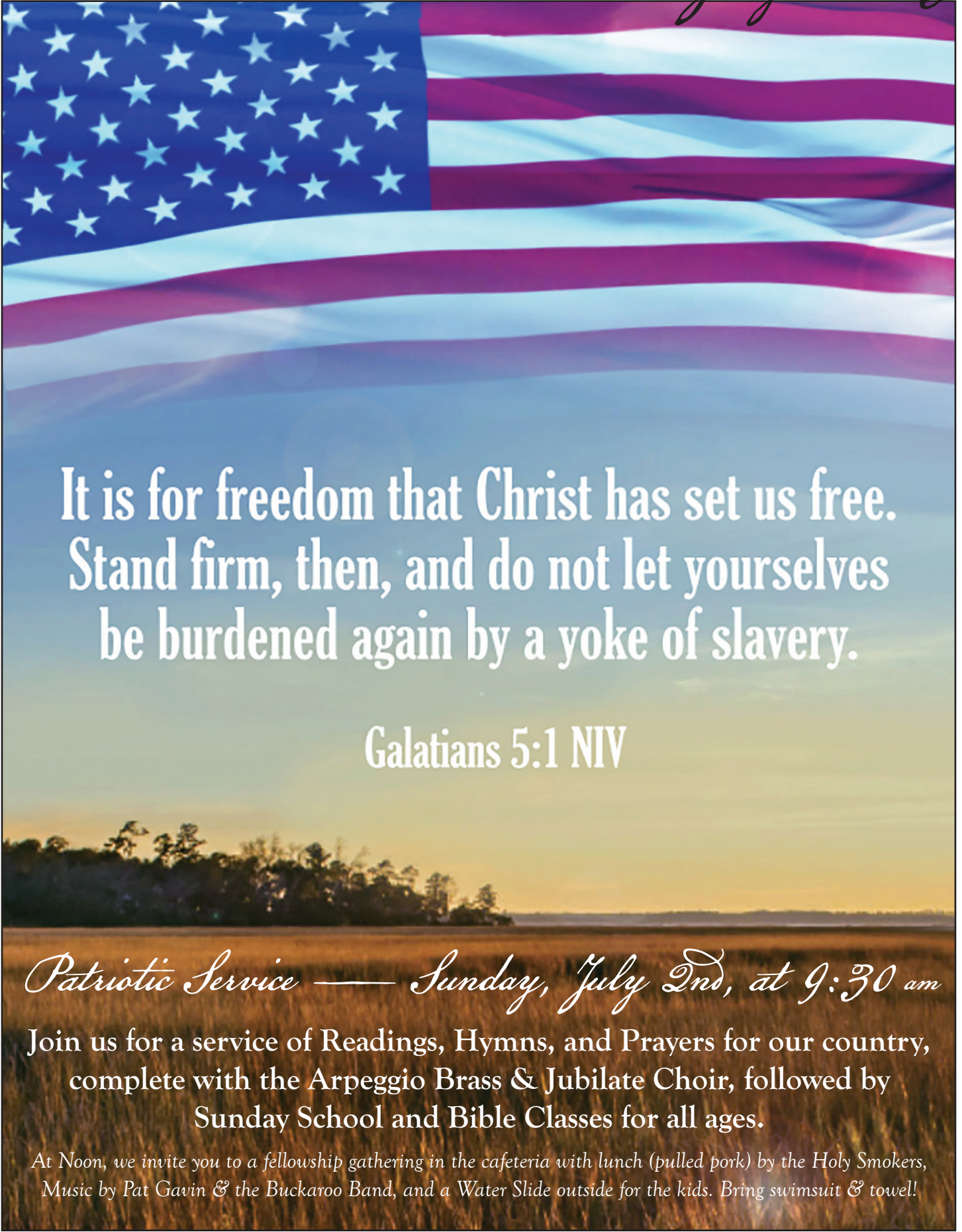


Our Savior Lutheran's *Voice* — July 2023

The background of the entire page is a photograph of an American flag waving in the wind, with the stars and stripes clearly visible. Below the flag, the scene transitions into a landscape of a field with trees in the distance under a warm, golden sunset sky.

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free.
Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves
be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

Galatians 5:1 NIV

Patriotic Service — Sunday, July 2nd, at 9:30 am

Join us for a service of Readings, Hymns, and Prayers for our country,
complete with the Arpeggio Brass & Jubilate Choir, followed by
Sunday School and Bible Classes for all ages.

At Noon, we invite you to a fellowship gathering in the cafeteria with lunch (pulled pork) by the Holy Smokers,
Music by Pat Gavin & the Buckaroo Band, and a Water Slide outside for the kids. Bring swimsuit & towel!



Patriotic POTLUCK

Desserts!

Add your patriotic flare to our dessert table so we can celebrate our FREEDOM to choose from a variety of sweets! We sincerely thank you for your support!



Sunday, July 2

after Sunday School...

At 12:00, we invite you to a fellowship gathering in the cafeteria with lunch --

- Pulled Pork by the Holy Smokers
- Music by Pat Gavin & the Buckaroo Band
- Water Slide outside for the kids!
(Bring your swimsuit & towel!)

Event ends by 2:00pm

LWML White Oak Zone



Biennial One-Day Retreat

Sent from the Sanctuary:

*Seeing God's Presence Everywhere
and Spreading His Love to Others*

Our Bible Study will be led by **Susan Maluschka**, author of several Bible Studies. A lifelong Lutheran, Susan lives in Victoria, Texas with her husband of 35 years. When she's not spoiling her children or grandchildren, she enjoys traveling, writing Bible studies, and working on her blog. *Scan this QR code to see her webpage!*



July 15, 2023 | 9am – 3pm | 5000 W Tidwell Rd.

Check-In and Breakfast begin at 8:30am

Scan QR Code or send the form below to Sarah:
sbaughman@osl.cc



or

Our Savior Lutheran Church
Attn: Sarah Baughman
5000 W Tidwell Rd.
Houston, TX 77091

Payment Information

☐ Registration Fee (\$20)

☐ Late Registration Fee – after 7/8/23 (\$25)

Please send check payable to:

LWML White Oak Zone with your registration, or
contact Sarah for how to send funds electronically.

Registration Form:

Please fill out one per person attending.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Dietary Restrictions: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Emergency Contact Name & Phone Number: _____

Need Childcare? Y / N

Names and ages of children: _____

Houston Lutherans For Life Revitalized

Not many people are aware of the legacy of Houston Lutherans For Life. HLFL formed in 1988 by a group of faithful from Bethlehem Lutheran Church (Houston), and earned non-profit tax status with Department of Treasury in 1994. Cynthia Chappa was president during this time period with Jane Almquist, Jewel Look, Elmer Zoch, Julie Burgess, Helen Konz, and Robert Look holding various offices. At some point, Bethlehem closed with many members transferring to Immanuel Lutheran Church (Houston). HLFL apparently went dormant.



In 2006, under the leadership of Mike Jolley, the tax exempt status, which had expired, was reinstated using OSL as the address of record. Russell Wernli, Sandy Fritsche, and Kevin Hobart were also officers during this time period. Mike was an invigorating force for the group which organized many activities such as marches in Austin, praying at various abortion centers, and raising awareness in Lutheran schools. With Mike's passing and the isolation of COVID, HLFL once again went dormant.

More recently, the core group of HLFL workers, such as Gary & Ruth Schmidt, Ethelene Marshall, Dean & Barbara Mushinski, James Kriegel, and Linda Friedrich (among many others), have revitalized HLFL with a mission to equip Lutherans and their neighbors to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life. We work toward seeing every Lutheran, both individually and in community, upholding the God-given value of human life and influencing society to do the same.

HLFL wants to provide the means to do this through:

- Increased cultural awareness and engagement
- Focus on further life issues, activities, and service – from fertility to forever
- An area-wide network of volunteer communities

I hope that you too are interested in being Gospel-motivated voices For Life.

What can you do?

- Join HLFL and become involved (contact me or the church office) – we normally meet the 3rd Sunday each month
- Contribute to HLFL (or LFL or Houston Coalition For Life)
- Attend the national meeting of LFL this October in Cincinnati (<https://lutheransforlife.org/conference/>)

Bruce Blake



Visit our website and learn about the PRO-LIFE movement and what we are doing to spread the Gospel message of Life:

www.HoustonLFL.org

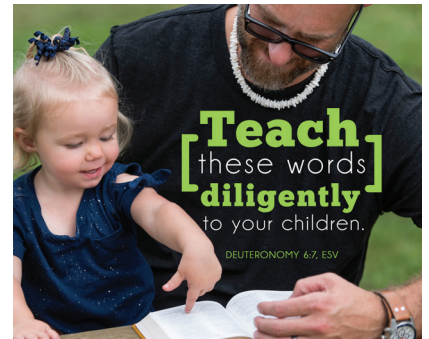
Brothers & Sisters in Christ:

The world will continue to attack the Church and every Christian. The world is an accomplice of the devil and your sinful nature. Its desire is to tear away the people of God from their Savior. They do that by destroying faith. They do that by destroying the Word of God. The nations rage and the enemies of God scowl, fierce as they will against you and me. It is the place of the Church to remain steadfast in the Word and the teaching of our Lord Christ, despite the silly, absurd, and dangerous teachings and stances of the World. AND the teachings of the world are pretty dangerous. They attack God's gift of family, of sex, of new life, of elderly life, and of marriage and children. They attack the Law and the place of sin. They destroy repentance and the work of the Holy Spirit. Saint Paul tells us to stand firm in the faith. He calls on us to remain faithful to the Word of God.

So, the Word of God is your safe place and your weapon. It is a place of power and might to stand against the devil's schemes. And therefore, the work of a Christian father is never done. The Holy Spirit has fit you, gentlemen, for the work ahead. He gives you his Word. Teach it to your wife and your children. Moses encourages you to talk about it when you get up and when you go to bed, to discuss it when you drive to work and school, and when you sit down to eat (Deuteronomy 6). Make a habit of asking your family what it is they have been taught in their school and how this compares to the Bible. Be good at comparing the world to the Bible. Instead of asking, "How was school?" or "How was your day?" ask questions about their faith and their Savior.

Parents, I urge you to have conversations with your children about Jesus. We don't need to be ashamed of the Word of God or the Truth that it teaches. If we believe that the Word of God is actually the power of God to save and destroy death and the devil, which it is, then it's the trusty shield and weapon each of your family members should walk with everywhere. But also bring your family to the place God promises to give you forgiveness and life: bring them to Church and to Bible class and to Sunday School. Come to the Worship Services of your God to be bound together in the forgiveness of Jesus' cross. Come to the Lord and be renewed for each and every attack. Come to the normal of the Word of Truth so that you have a shield for the abnormal attacks of the world. The gates of hell shall never prevail against our Lord Jesus.

Pastor Cholak



LFL 2023 National Conference Registration

We are looking forward to learning and exploring with you at our 2023 National Conference taking place just outside Cincinnati, in Erlanger, Kentucky, October 11-13. After a morning of devotions and learning with a keynote speaker and breakout sessions at the Holiday Inn Cincinnati Airport, we'll head out for a scheduled visit to Answers in Genesis attractions—the Creation Museum on October 11 and the Ark Encounter on October 12. Dinner will offer time for fellowship back at the hotel and is included in your conference rate. Breakfast is included with the hotel stay. Lunches will be on your own, with options available at the Creation Museum and the Ark Encounter.

Lutherans For Life national and regional conferences allow our team to come directly to you with the For Life Gospel message. These gatherings are wonderful times spent together where we can provide valuable information and encouragement to you, your community, and the life-affirming work you are engaged in. Get all the information here: <https://lutheransforlife.org/conference/>



from the

Nativity Nook

Why are we talking about Christmas in July?

While it may seem strange to continue bringing up the OSL Nativity, there are two reasons we feel it's important. The practical one is that it takes a lot of planning to execute such an event, and it's not something that one person, ten people, or even twenty people can do alone. This is an outreach event for the entire congregation – to pray over, to contribute to, to volunteer with, to invite others along. Consider your particular gifts, and how you might use them to join this effort, or to support your church's ministry in general.

The other reason is that we are advent people. Not that we're always looking toward Christmas, but that we're always looking toward Christ's Coming – remembering His first coming, rejoicing in His continued coming, and anticipating His final coming. We remember His first coming because He is Emmanuel – God with us! He came to us, for us, in our desperate need, lost in sin. And He continues to come to us, in the Word and Sacraments! And finally, we are Advent People because we look forward to His coming again, to restore all things.

And we want others to know of this hope, this anticipation we share for the New Heaven and the New Earth. We want them to share in the Salvation that Christ won for us, and to participate in His Body, the Church, with all the many blessings poured out on us, His people.

Join us!

As a reminder, we are looking for **babyfood jars with lids**, as well as **fabric** that can be made into costumes (solid colors, stripes, maybe tiny patterns, depending on what it is). If you would like to **sponsor the event**



and have something printed on the “Thank you to our sponsors” page, contact Sarah in the church office about how to do that. And remember, you can give beyond your regular giving to the church by making a contribution and designating it “Nativity.”

Thank you!

Memorials

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

Debbie Adams (*Altar Guild*).....
Mary Ellen (Synnott) & Mike Cone

Dr. Wallace Kleb
Lerose Schultz Koch
Dorothy Worthing
Arlene Wottrich (*New Classroom Fund*)

Herb Peterson
Laura Boyd

Missions

Africa – May Family
Laura Boyd

Africa – Wokoma
Laura Boyd

Membership Changes

as of the Elders Meeting, June 2023

INCOMING:

Transfers In:

Matthew, Kristin Anna & Elizabeth Daniel from
Living Word LCMS, The Woodlands TX

Profession of Faith:

Michael & Alex Berry, children Max, Charlotte,
Diana, David

Robert Grissom & Karen Ettredge, children
Benjamin & Henry

Hunter & Susan Malson

Austin, Wendy, Austin Jr. & Andrea Pugh

Jeff Kieso

Lesley McBride

Tracey Parks

OUTGOING:

Transfer Out:

Jennifer Krieg to Bethlehem LCMS, William Penn TX

Death:

Wallace Kleb — May 30, 2023

Jin Needs a Home!

My wife Stef and I have been attending OSL now for over a year, and recently Stef has become pregnant! Well, as it turns out, Stef also has a major allergy to cats. Her doctor told her that we should find a new home for our cat.

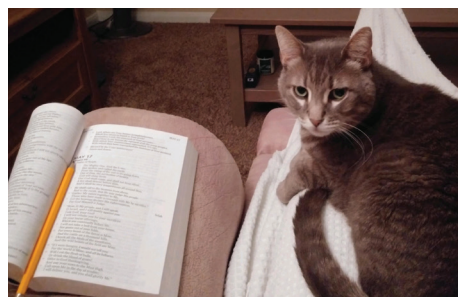
When I started thinking about who to give Jin (our cat) to, I thought about OSL. Maybe there is a good family there who is interested in adopting Jin?

Let me tell you about him. Jin is the nicest cat I have ever known, and people who don't like cats end up liking them after meeting Jin. He is affectionate, neutered, 8 yrs old, and has had all of his medical care since I got him as a kitten. He has been in indoor-outdoor for some of his life (3yrs), but because I have mostly lived in apartments, he's mostly indoor. He gets along well with dogs, children, other cats, etc. I am attaching pictures of him as well.

My wife and I just want him to have a good, safe, forever home. We hate that we need to give him away. He would be free (of course), and if for whatever reason someone wanted to try it for some weeks before committing permanently, we would be willing to take him back and try to find him another home. We want good for Jin, and we know someone out there will love him and be benefited by him too.

Please let me know if there is anyone interested and if I need to do anything to help.

Nathan Work: (281) 222-9284, nathanwork0@gmail.com



1 Kimberly Cezeaux
Lizzie Dellaughter
Melvin Miller
Natalie Myrick
Bobby Nichols
Kevin Smith Jr.
Greyson Williams

2 Stephen Gbur

3 Annette Coon
Jimmy Synnott

4 August Baughman
Gilda Candella
Whitney Gladstone
Alexander Gutierrez

5 Nancy Boddicker

6 Blake Crabtree
Alex Pollock

7 Steve Caka
Vanessa Cook

8 Mikayla Eifert
Mandy Temple
Sonya Whiting

9 Kristie Fisher
Samuel Gerard
Everett Tannert

10 Audrey Cooper
Erich Eifert
Andrew Manriquez
Carson Weber

11 Samantha Cox
Kaitlyn Kramer

12 Giuliana Bush
Marijn Lawyer
Alex Payne
Jacob Silvas
Allie Synnott

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Sharon Petree
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Benjamin Witt

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16 Sandra Seyffert
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17 Garrett Gerard
Scarlett Heefner

18 Carmina Contreras
Jill Gerard
Abraham Priddy

19 Olivia Lucas
Lisa Petree

20 Julie Hester
Roger Synnott
Jaide Thomas
Joi Thomas

21 Kimberly Eifert
Rocky Noack
Lorie Priddy
Stephanie Savoie
Katy Kramer

22 Donna Ginn
Thelma Oberndorfer
Luke Schoppe
Gene Zoch

23 Mikayla Bukenya
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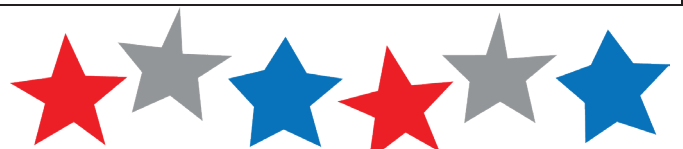
SUMMER Church Office Hours:
9:00 am-4:00 pm
Monday-Friday

Full Birthdays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>A=Gym/Cafeteria; B=Early Childhood; C=Classrooms; BC=Bible Class; FR=Family Room; YR=Youth Room; <i>Italics=not OSL</i></p> 						<p>1</p>  <p>8:30am Men Alive-A101</p>
<p>2</p> <p>8:15am Bible Class</p> <p>9:30am Patriotic Festival Matins</p> <p>10:45am Sunday School</p> <p>12:00pm Lunch, Music & Fellowship Celebration</p> 	<p>3</p> <p>6:00pm Young Adults-YR</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Independence Day</p> <p><i>Offices & Campus closed</i></p> 	<p>5</p> <p>6:30am Men's Bible Study-BC</p> <p>10:00am Bible Class-BC</p> <p>12:00pm Bulletin Deadline</p>	<p>6</p> <p>3:00pm Prayer Request printing deadline</p> <p>7:00pm Lutheran Confessions Bible Study Group-BC</p> <p>7:00pm Zoom Bible Study</p>	<p>7</p> <p><i>7:00pm Women's Texas Hold'em Tournament-Toddy Oaks</i></p> 	<p>8</p>
<p>9</p> <p>8:15am Bible Class</p> <p>9:30am Communion</p> <p>10:45am Sunday School</p> <p>4:12pm Sr Youth Meeting</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9:00am Joseph's Guild of Colors-LWML</p> <p>6:00pm Young Adults-YR</p>	<p>11</p> <p><i>8:30am Braille</i></p> <p>6:30pm Trustees-Maintenance Bldg.</p> <p>7:00pm Church Council-BC</p> <p>7:00pm Parish Ed mtg-YR</p>	<p>12</p> <p>6:30am Men's Bible Study-BC</p> <p>10:00am Bible Class-BC</p> <p>12:00pm Bulletin Deadline</p>	<p>13</p> <p>3:00pm Prayer Request printing deadline</p> <p>7:00pm Zoom Bible Study</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:00am Joseph's Guild of Colors-LWML</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Newsletter Deadline</p> <p>8:30am LWML White Oak</p> <p>Zone Registration-BC</p> <p>9:00am LWML Zone Meeting-BC</p> 
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Those To Serve – July 2023

Acolytes	07/02/23	9:30 AM	Sophie Bennett / Lucas Downie
Carts	07/02/23	9:30 AM	Adams Team
Elders	07/02/23	9:30 AM	James Kriegel / Alvin Fritsche / Ken Wright / Brandon Shipes
Evangelism	07/02/23	9:30 AM	Team 5 Al
Greeters	07/02/23	9:30 AM	TEAM 2: Renevier
Sound	07/02/23	9:30 AM	Whiting
Ushers	07/02/23	9:30 AM	Downie Team
Acolytes	07/09/23	9:30 AM	Livy Adams / Abby Frazier
Altar Guild	07/09/23	9:30 AM	Vickie Nitsch Team
Carts	07/09/23	9:30 AM	Pampell Team
Comm Asst.	07/09/23	9:30 AM	James Kriegel / Ken Wright / Dennis Mueller
Elders	07/09/23	9:30 AM	James Kriegel / Alvin Fritsche / Ken Wright / Brandon Shipes
Evangelism	07/09/23	9:30 AM	Team 1 Lee
Greeters	07/09/23	9:30 AM	TEAM 3: Cherington / Guevara
Sound	07/09/23	9:30 AM	Witt
Ushers	07/09/23	9:30 AM	Gobrogge Team
Acolytes	07/16/23	9:30 AM	Katherine Johnson / Giuliana Krieg
Carts	07/16/23	9:30 AM	Downie Team
Elders	07/16/23	9:30 AM	James Kriegel / Alvin Fritsche / Ken Wright / Brandon Shipes
Evangelism	07/16/23	9:30 AM	Team 2 Garry
Greeters	07/16/23	9:30 AM	TEAM 4: Copeland / Downie
Sound	07/16/23	9:30 AM	Wilbanks
Ushers	07/16/23	9:30 AM	Lehr Team
Acolytes	07/23/23	9:30 AM	Kaden Resendez / Cade Witt
Altar Guild	07/23/23	9:30 AM	Amanda Crabtree Team
Carts	07/23/23	9:30 AM	Kriegel Team
Comm Asst.	07/23/23	9:30 AM	James Kriegel / Ken Wright / Dennis Mueller
Elders	07/23/23	9:30 AM	James Kriegel / Alvin Fritsche / Ken Wright / Brandon Shipes
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Greeters	07/23/23	9:30 AM	TEAM 5: Friedrich / Kriegel
Sound	07/23/23	9:30 AM	Greenwood
Ushers	07/23/23	9:30 AM	Halbert Team
Acolytes	07/30/23	9:30 AM	Janiah Thomas / Emma Witt
Carts	07/30/23	9:30 AM	Gavin Team
Elders	07/30/23	9:30 AM	James Kriegel / Alvin Fritsche / Ken Wright / Brandon Shipes
Evangelism	07/30/23	9:30 AM	Team 4 Robert
Greeters	07/30/23	9:30 AM	TEAM 6: Nalley / Edwards
Sound	07/30/23	9:30 AM	Blake
Ushers	07/30/23	9:30 AM	Downie Team



Congrats

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Serving Families for Jesus Christ

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