

both with Holy Communion

uring the month of November we recall the fourth petition of the Lord's Prayer, Give us this day our daily bread. God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving. Everything we need to support this body and life and the next life, he gives us. He showers us with far more than we could ever imagine or desire. One of those gifts is a good congregation. He gathers his people around Word and Sacrament and gives each of us each other. This is by design. God sets the solitary in families. He set you in the Our Savior family. We gather our voices in thanksgiving for the preaching, the sacraments, and for fellow Christians. Lord, teach us to realize

the good gifts you have given and move us to give thanks to you for your love, mercy, and grace. Amen.

Pastor Steven Cholak



## LWML Cheerful Helpers Corner



#### Bunco!

We will be taking a break from our monthly Bunco gatherings during the upcoming Holiday season. We'll resume in January, meeting every third Saturday.

### Christmas Party!

The Cheerful Helpers Christmas party will be **December 3 at 12:30** in the Bible Classroom. Please join us! A light luncheon will be provided, as well as a short devotional program.

## Membership!

Don't forget to register your LWML membership with the Cheerful Helpers. You can ask Sharon Edwards, Sandy Fritsche, Diane White, Sarah Baughman, or any of the "purple ladies" if you need direction. Just your name and the \$20 fee are enough for registration, or you can fill out this form.

Name:	
Phone: _	
Email:	
	Make checks navable to: LWML Cheerful Helners

# F.A.S.T. fall

## Wednesdays thru **Nov 15**

Join us for a light meal at 5:30pm, a short study at 6:30, and evening prayer.

### Fellowship And Study Together

- **Pastor White:** Lost Christianity The Disappearance of the Christian Church in the Middle East and East Africa Due to the Rise of Islam
- Lynette Cherington: Book Discussion Simple Habits for Effective Parenting
- David Amezcua: Greek the EZ Way (All ages welcome!)
- **Sarah Baughman:** Writing Fiction a Why-Who-What-When-Where Overview
- Houston Lutherans For Life (For November 1): Sarah Do works in the Education Department of Texas Right to Life. Sarah spreads the Pro-Life message all over the state by sharing her own struggles and successes and by showing others how to respect the dignity of all innocent human life from conception to natural death. Sarah lives outside Houston, TX with her husband Christian and their three daughters, Ava, Emma, and Eliana. She will present what adoption is, the adoption process, the financial cost of adoption, information on the foster care system, adopting a child with special needs, common misconceptions of adoption, and resources for anyone interested in adoption.

Would you like more information? Please contact Pastor Cholak at: scholak@osl.cc.

## Immersive Dinner



Immerse yourself in this memorable dining experience as we raise funds for our OSL Nativity outreach program.

Join us on November 11th, 2023 at 5 pm for an evening of fellowship and fine dining in the style of the ancient near-east! Food will be conceptualized by two of OSL's own: executed by RK Halbert of the OSL Holy Smokers with menu collaboration by Executive Chef Maurizio Ferrarese of Alba Ristorante Houston. Each of the multiple courses will mimic the foods eaten by the ancient Israelites at the time of our Lord, with the convenience of modern dining!

Tables will be sold by auction; use this QR Code to see what tables are available, as well as some details about each. If you have questions, please contact Stephanie Cholak (stephcholak@yahoo.com) or Sarah Baughman (sbaughman@osl.cc).

Also, here's the link for the Immersive Dinner auction: https://form.jotform.com/232984132655158



Our Osl Nativity will be December 9; please consider volunteering! We have places in setup, in behind-the-scenes, as silent actors, and as interactive Bethlehem townspeople. There's a place for everyone! If you are interested, please contacts Sarah (sbaughman@osl.cc or call the church office) or Whitney (whitneynichole22@ yahoo.com).

## **Dear OSL Church Members:**

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes; and I will keep it to the end.

Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart.

Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it. Psalm 119:33-34

We thank God for His many blessings we receive through you. We are grateful to have a school where we can teach His redeemed children about what (and Who) is true, good, and beautiful. Each day, our scholars and teachers pray together in the morning, throughout the day, and to close our day. We sing His praises together. We memorize God's Word and Luther's Small Catechism so our scholars know the beautiful truths of God and are called to be good neighbors. Our scholars have completed memorizing the Ten Commandments and their meanings, and we are completing the memorization of The Apostles' Creed and its meanings. Thank you for providing a light in Houston where our children can hear and inwardly digest these beautiful truths.

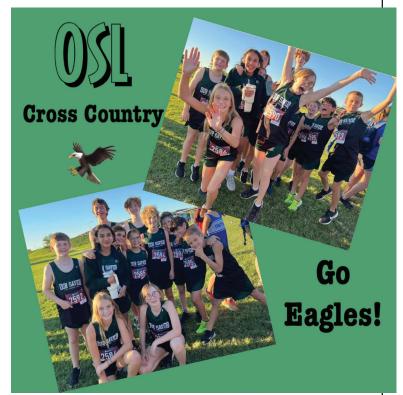
Thank you to our OSL VIPs who joined us on Grandparents Day for scholars without a special friend in the area. We appreciate the support of our church members of our young scholars.

We are finishing up our fall sports season, and the winter season is upon us. Basketball and cheerleading are the sports for November through February. Come out and cheer on our Eagles! Check out our website for the sports schedules.

We are excited to share our Annual Thanksgiving Feast on November 16 with our school families. The children prepare recitations and hymns for our families, then enjoy a Thanksgiving Feast in our gym and cafeteria. Our school will be out of school to enjoy Thanksgiving with families.

Thank you, again, for your generous support of our school. If you want to support the school in our Eagle Fund to help us reach our goals above and beyond your tithe, you can visit www.oslschool.org/giving to participate.

In His service, *Kate Thoelke Principal* 



## **Order Legacy Bricks!**

Be a part of the OSL Legacy walk between the school building and church. Bricks were last sold in 2015. Is there a marriage, anniversary, birth, baptism, confirmand, graduate, or life you would like to commemorate? This is your chance. All orders are closing on December 31st. Bricks will be installed in May. Proceeds will benefit the 8th grade glass trip to Washington DC where they see and learn their role and responsibilities as Christian citizens of our nation.



## **Chrismons!**

Be on the lookout for Chrismons after Sunday school in December! Ornaments will be sent home with children during the Sunday School hour. Our plan is to make a new design each year for 18 years, then start back at the first design in year 19.

#### A few points:

- If you are not a Sunday School child but want to request an ornament this year, please fill out the form below and return to the church office.
- If you want your child to have a complete set, but this isn't his or her first Christmas, we will be happy to complete their set by the time they graduate high school; just indicate so on the form below.
- In the tradition of Chrismons, these ornaments are gifts and not to be sold. If you are so moved, we suggest that you donate to the Nativity Fund.



Please note that our priority order is Congregation Children, single ornament orders, and then full sets. We will do our best to finish them before Christmas, but please be patient as we are a volunteer workforce. We cannot guarantee any before Christmas besides the ones for the OSL Church children.

**Chrismon Order Form** 

Name:		Today's Date:					
Phone:	_email:						
Quantity of single Chrismons:	_						
Quantity of full sets:							
Complete my child's set! Name of Child:							



#### Order Form Due: December 3, 2023

(but remember that the sooner you turn it in, the sooner we can start working on your order!)

If you are including a **donation** to the **Nativity Fund** with your order, please note in memo of check or here on this form...

## Memorials & Honorariums

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

Sharon Edwards Jim & Pat Smithson **Dorothy Worthing** Don Kaiser.... Judith Colleen Canion The Wood Family The Carl McCormack Family Cathy Bacon Joan Booth Corky & Mary Kay Carter Carole Lester Billie Reed Angela Vincent Mary Ann Weishaupt Diane Delmar White Laura Boyd HC Smokey Stoever..... John & Sharon Cotton Africa – Wokoma..... Laura Boyd **Jim & Pat Smithson** 

## Membership Changes

as of Oct Elders Meeting 2023

**INCOMING TRANSFER:** 

Corey, Nicole, Emilia, Morgan & Caroline Spangler

Saint:

Alan Fritsche — October 8, 2023

## SAVE THE DATE SATURDAY, 11.11.23



FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL: CHANNING WOOD (281)236-8105 MENALIVE@OSL.CC

## **COMING SOON!**

Smoked Turkeys by the Holy Smokers in time for Thanksgiving. Look for more information to come in the bulletin and on the website.



## Watch the Word

After a rainfall, the air is fresh and clean. Breathing deeply is invigorating and healthy. Nature and the outdoors are full of cheerful chirping and water gurgling. Crickets and katydids are singing their loudest. Birds sing. The grass and gardens soak up the life-giving nectar. Streams and brooks bubble and chuckle with the abundance of rain. What a precious gift!

In Isaiah 53:10 and 11, God promises life giving blessings by His Word. We could read it aloud or review it quietly. We could recite it or sing it! Only His Word has this effect and promise from Him! It will come to pass!

Man may attempt to mimic this effect by creating, developing, and repeating lies and competing philosophies. But we have God's clear picture and gracious promise!

"For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater;" We can see this as we look or go outside after a fresh rainfall. We can smell it and we can also hear it. The delight of water refreshed nature is pure and real.

"So shall my Word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." Can it be that the overturning of Roe v. Wade is the result of God working in us His will and pleasure? Is it possible that as we share God's Word, pray God's Word, and sing God's Word, "Thy will be (is) done on earth as it is in heaven?" The grace-filled delight of God's people is real. Can it be that God's grace invites us to delight in His glorious victory? God grant that we keep on believing and confessing His pure truth and will!

Watch the Word become evident and concrete. In our families and world, God answers prayer! Keep on reading, reviewing, and reminding angels, each other and ourselves, God's Word has abundant fruit! We can watch it, come to pass.

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





- 1 Jacob Pampell Sharon Rankin Charles Valka
- 2 Janelle Gbur Everly Tomanek
- 3 David Riewe Heidi White
- 5 Michelle Bush Laurie Clothier
- 6 Marni Christmas Kim Hess
- 8 Christine Gutierrez Roger Naumann Ann Putman Margaret Vasquez
- 9 Skylar Armstrong Olen Curry Jr
- 10 Amy Adams Emily Cherington Cecilia Noble
- 11 Blake Farr
- 12 Jennifer Bennett
- 13 Lindsey Savage
- 14 Jimmy Naskrent Andrea Pugh Dan Queen Adam Soileau
- 15 Reagan Morrissey
- 16 Al Fritsche Ricky Leger Katie Ripple Megan Ripple Garry Stuhr

- 17 Mimi Huse
- 18 Alexandra Berry JJ DeForest Mitchell Stephens Adam Tannert
- 19 Linda Greenwood Ross Petree
- 20 Nevaeh Hempy
- 21 Ryan Armstrong Anthony Cooper Virginia Evers Linda Friedrich Stephani Pavne
- 22 Charlotte Berry Lynnette Wakefield
- 23 Jim Petree
- 24 Karen Ytuarte
- 25 Pam Dougherty Matthew O'Neill Ryan Petree
- 27 Heath Burttschell Adam DeMoss Kimberly Fleeks Joshua Martens Clarence Pampell Hayden Payne Magic Rubalcava Emily Williams
- 28 Madison Bukenya Kaylee Hill Susan Malson
- 29 Debbie Lazarine Shelley Smithson Eichenlaub
- 30 Sharon Edwards

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

**BIRTHDAYS IN** 

## November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			All Saints Day 6:30am Men's Bible Study-BC 10:00am Bible Class-BC 12:00pm Bulletin Deadline 5:30pm F.A.S.T. Fall	2 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	3	MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST 8:30am Men Alive- A101
5 Daylight-Saving Time Ends 8:15am Bible Class 8:15am Confirmation Class-YR 9:30am Matins 10:45am Sunday School 12:00pm Exultae Brass-Choir Rm 4:00pm Sr Youth Meeting-YR 6:00pm Coed Volleyball-Gym 6:00pm Non-OSL Confirmation-Zoom	6:00pm Young Adults Bible Study-YR 6:30pm Potter's Vessel-FR 7:00pm New Member Class-BC	7 7:00pm Church Council-BC	8 6:30am Men's Bible Study-BC 10:00am Bible Class-BC 12:00pm Bulletin Deadline 5:30pm F.A.S.T. Fall	9 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	10 9:00am Joseph's Guild of Colors- LWML	Veterans Day 8:30am Men Alive Golf Tournament 10:00am GEMS YOUth in Mission-LWML Group-YR 11:00am Bon Appétit
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A=Gym/Cafeteria • C=Classrooms • BC=Bible Class Room • FR=Family Room • YR=Youth Room • Italics=not @ OSL

#### Those To Serve November 2023 Abby Frazier / Anna Daniel / Lorenzo Gonzales / Evan Wood / Tyler Wood Acolytes 11/05/23 9:30 AM Carts 11/05/23 9:30 AM **Adams Team** Elders 11/05/23 9:30 AM Bruce Blake / John Wilbanks / Bo Guevara / Aaron White Evangelism 11/05/23 9:30 AM **Team 3 James** 9:30 AM Greeters 11/05/23 TEAM 10: Schmidt / Stuhr Sound 11/05/23 | 9:30 AM | Greenwood Ushers 11/05/23 9:30 AM **Symcox Team** Stella Halbert / Janiah Thomas Acolytes 11/12/23 9:30 AM Altar Guild 11/12/23 9:30 AM **Jeanene Lunsford Team** Carts 11/12/23 9:30 AM **Pampell Team** Comm Asst. 11/12/23 9:30 AM Bruce Blake / John Wilbanks / Bo Guevara / Aaron White Elders 11/12/23 9:30 AM Bruce Blake / John Wilbanks / Bo Guevara / Aaron White Evangelism 11/12/23 9:30 AM **Team 4 Robert** Greeters 11/12/23 9:30 AM **TEAM 1: Blackmar / Carter** Sound 11/12/23 9:30 AM **Blake** Ushers 11/12/23 | 9:30 AM | **Halbert Team** 9:30 AM Kendall Horn / Harlow Schatte Acolytes 11/19/23 Carts 11/19/23 9:30 AM **Downie Team** Elders 11/19/23 | 9:30 AM | Bruce Blake / John Wilbanks / Bo Guevara / Aaron White 11/19/23 Evangelism 9:30 AM Team 5 Al **TEAM 2: Renevier** Greeters 11/19/23 9:30 AM Sound 11/19/23 | 9:30 AM | **Whiting** Ushers 11/19/23 | 9:30 AM | **Downie Team** 11/22/23 7:00 PM Paige Lawder / Emma Witt Acolytes Altar Guild 11/22/23 | 7:00 PM | **Ann Putman Team** 11/22/23 7:00 PM Carts **Kriegel Team** Comm Asst. 11/22/23 7:00 PM Bruce Blake / John Wilbanks / Bo Guevara / Aaron White Bruce Blake / John Wilbanks / Bo Guevara / Aaron White Elders 11/22/23 7:00 PM Evangelism 11/22/23 7:00 PM Team 5 Al **TEAM 3: Cherington / Guevara** Greeters 11/22/23 7:00 PM Sound 11/22/23 | 7:00 PM | Greenwood **Ushers** 11/22/23 7:00 PM **Gobrogge Team** Altar Guild 11/23/23 | 9:30 AM | **Vickie Nitsch Team** Carts 11/23/23 9:30 AM **Gavin Team** Comm Asst. 11/23/23 9:30 AM Bruce Blake / John Wilbanks / Bo Guevara / Aaron White Bruce Blake / John Wilbanks / Bo Guevara / Aaron White Elders 11/23/23 | 9:30 AM Evangelism 11/23/23 9:30 AM Team 5 Al Greeters **TEAM 4: Copeland / Downie** 11/23/23 9:30 AM Sound 11/23/23 9:30 AM **Blake Ushers** 11/23/23 9:30 AM Symcox Team 11/26/23 Abi Halbert / Kaden Resendez Acolytes 9:30 AM Altar Guild 11/26/23 9:30 AM **Diana Stephens Team** Carts 11/26/23 9:30 AM **Stephens Team** Comm Asst. 11/26/23 9:30 AM Bruce Blake / John Wilbanks / Bo Guevara / Aaron White 11/26/23 Bruce Blake / John Wilbanks / Bo Guevara / Aaron White Elders 9:30 AM Evangelism 11/26/23 9:30 AM Team 1 Lee Greeters 11/26/23 9:30 AM **TEAM 5: Friedrich / Kriegel** Sound 11/26/23 9:30 AM Witt 11/26/23 9:30 AM **Halbert Team** Ushers

## Advent & Christmas Schedule

## Wednesday Advent Services

December 6, 13 & 20 @ 7:00 PM

### Live Nativity

Saturday, December 9th, 5:00-7:00 PM

### Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Sunday, December 24 @ 6:00 PM

### Christmas Day Service with Communion

Monday, December 25 @ 9:30 AM

#### New Year's Eve Service with Communion

Sunday, December 31 @ 7:00 PM



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Return Service Requested

