

Reformation Lutherfest!

Sunday OCTOBER 29

Worship Service • 9:30 am Church Sanctuary with Choir, Bells & Brass

Das Ist Lustil

Sunday School • 10:45 am

Lutherfest • 12:00 – 3:00 pm

Gym & Outside Pavilion

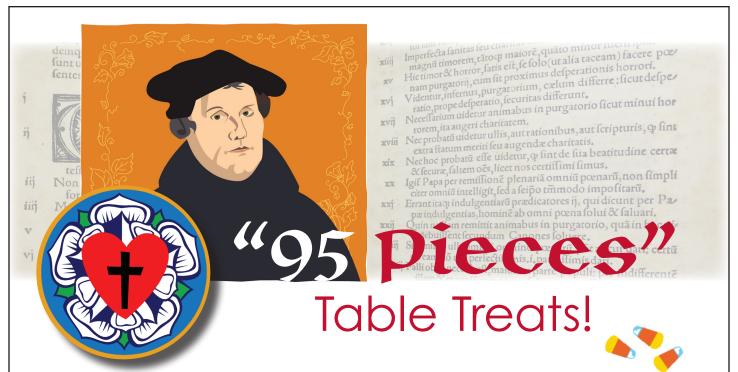
Great Food, Fellowship, FUN & Games, Live Entertainment & Dancing by Das Ist Lustig!

- Delicious Food cooked up by the Holy Smokers!
- Bouncy Houses! Face Painters! Hayrides! and...

"95 Pieces" Table Treats!

We are asking families, individuals & church groups to decorate a table, which will be around the pavilion court, and provide treats for the kids!

Fun, Family-Friendly Costumes are welcome!
Guidelines & Entry Form: https://osl.cc/95-pieces-table-treats



This year we are decorating **tables with candy and/or treats for the kids** to be placed around the pavilion, so we can all enjoy the festivities together!

Participating groups and individuals are asked to have a Gospel / Reformation / Martin Luther type of theme, and will need to have your table ready by 11:45am, Sunday, October 29, 2023.

Please register, at no cost, thru the church website at https://osl.cc/95-pieces-table-treats



Remember to be health conscious for yourself and others. We are inviting all to take part and want all to feel comfortable. Consider laying out treats individually so the child can grab one and not dig through a bowl. Remain at your table for the duration of the event. Have some chairs to sit in and compliment the kids' costumes! Meet a family! *Have fun!*

For candy, please only bring store-bought individually wrapped treats, or consider giving out a non-candy treat (bubbles, toys, other small prizes). We don't know the exact number of kids, but we could have 200+ children at the event.

This year's event is 3 hours, ending at 3:00pm. Questions? Contact the church office: 713-290-9087.



Dear OSL Church Members,

If you put these things before the brothers, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, being trained in the words of the faith and of the good doctrine that you have followed. Have nothing to do with irreverent, silly myths. Rather train yourself for godliness; for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come. The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe. 1 Timothy 4:6-10

It has been a wonderful start to the school year. Many of you have asked, and we are grateful for your interest and support for our dear school.

We started the year with the temporary buildings open and a full staff. We welcomed Mrs. McBride in Preschool, Mrs. Moore in fifth grade and Mrs. Engel in 2nd grade. They are great additions to our staff. Their mentor teachers have graciously supported their orientation to our school. We are grateful to God for all our dedicated staff who have made our school year begin smoothly. Our scholars have been enthusiastic and engaged. We look forward to entering the fall season with great optimism for the future of this school year.

In October, we are looking forward to Grandparents Day on Friday, the 6th. We welcome any of our church members to join us for this morning's festivities. We are also excited for the joint school-church event when we celebrate the

Reformation after church on October 29. We hope you will join us to celebrate this special day together.

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement of our school.

In His Service,

Kate Thoelke principal



Legacy Bricks Are Back!!!

Be a part of the OSL Legacy walk between the school building and church. Is there a marriage, anniversary, birth, baptism, confirmand, graduate, or life you would like to commemorate? This is your chance. Bricks were last sold in 2015. For a limited time, bricks will be offered until October 31st at the same price as 2015. November 1st the price per brick will increase by \$15, with all orders closing on December 31st. Bricks will be installed in May. Proceeds will benefit the 8th grade glass trip to Washington DC where the see and learn their role and responsibilities as Christian citizens of our nation.



Our Savior Lutheran School



Cheerful Helpers Corner

We are Lutheran Women in Mission. We are LWML.

Since, 1942, the Lutheran Women's Missionary League has served as an official auxiliary of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. What does that

mean? LWML affirms each woman's relationship with Christ, as well as encourages and equips women to live out their Christian lives in active mission ministries and to support global missions with their treasures.



Intro to LWML Video

Mission Statement:

As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.

Scan the codes to learn more:



A Conversation with LWML President Eden Keefe

Want to be part of this organization? We ask each member to contribute \$20 each October when we send in our membership numbers to the Zone. The \$20 covers a subscription for each woman for the Lutheran Women's Quarterly, as well as the money we send to the District or the Zone (alternating years) to help cover the cost of sending delegates to convention.

Email sbaughman@osl.cc if you would like to register your membership, or leave the form below in the church office along with your fee. Checks can be made to OSL Cheerful Helpers.

Name: _		 	
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Email: _		 	
Birthday	/ :		

Wokoma: Car Needed

If you have a car that is in good shape and simply in your way, Pastor Wokoma, the head of St. Barnabas West African Lutheran Mission, one of our dedicated African missions, needs a car for his travels in the states. If you

would like to support this important mission and have a car to donate, please contact Ken Wright – KEN.CINDY@outlook.com; or Bruce Blake – bruceablake@comcast.net.



Calling Cross-stitchers!

If you are interested in helping make the **Chrismon** ornaments for our Sunday School children, we are looking for stitchers! The patterns are simple and we will provide you with the materials. If interested, please contact Sarah in the church office, 713-290-9087.

Lutheran Witness

If you would like to be included in the church's subscription, simply write a check to OSL for \$14.00, with "Lutheran Witness" in the memo, and place it in the offering plate by October 15.



Dear OSL Family:

Thank you for your support of the 8th grade class in reaching their fundraising goal for their trip to Washington, D.C. in our baked potato sale. We appreciate all who were able to grab potatoes and also those who donated without taking the carbs.

OSL Class of 2024



Honey Sunday

DAKOTA BOYS AND GIRLS RANCH

October 8th, 15th, 22nd

Our Savior Lutheran's Day is

Tuesday, October 17th

to stand and pray at Planned Parenthood.

Can you make it?

(Any time you like, we just need to be a presence for life.)

Abortion may be illegal in Texas, but Planned Parenthood is still referring women to other states for abortions. Once a woman travels to another state, it's much harder to change her mind about getting an abortion. It's more important than ever to have a peaceful, prayerful presence outside this facility!



40DAYS FOR LIFE...

2023 Fall Campaign: September 27 — November 5

Join us for prayer, repentance, and fasting outside Planned Parenthood: 4600 Gulfcrest St, Houston, TX 77023

Will you not watch one hour with me?

Matthew 26:40



"We profess to serve the Lord of Life. We bear the name of Christ in a world obsessed by death. We have allowed 50 million innocent children to be sacrificed to the idol of 'Choice.' My soul is haunted by a question posed by one of the small handful of faithful pastors who protested the holocaust in Nazi Germany: 'He had dared to protest the murder of the Jews and had been thrown into prison. The prison chaplain was horrified to find a clergyman locked in a filthy holding cell with the drunks and the prostitutes. The chaplain cried out to his fellow pastor, "My brother, what did you do? Why are you here?" The imprisoned pastor replied, "My brother, given what is happening in our country, why aren't you here?" Brothers and Sisters in Christ 40 Days For Life gives each of us the chance to witness to the love and the life of Christ. The pastor's haunting question remains unanswered: 'Why aren't you here?"

— **Dr. Laurence White** Senior Pastor of Our Savior Lutheran Church

Please sign up for some time during that day. Any time is good. We used to ask for a commitment for a certain shift but if you would please just look at your calendar and let me know (email, call, text - just please don't stop me in the hall and tell me on the run – PLEASE!) if you can do it at all – any time – I will keep tally and send you the necessary info as the time approaches. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

Cindy Blake cindyablake@yahoo.com 832-398-5303



Have you ever wondered what it was like to share a meal with the people of ancient Israel? Have you wondered about the tastes, aromas, and sounds of dining with at the time of Jesus?

Join us: November 11, 2023 @ 5:00 pm

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Immersive Dinner

Only 6 tables will be available, with a total of 36 guests. Pastor White and Jeff & Debbie Armstrong already have their seats reserved! Tickets will be sold in an online auction format, so get together your group and get ready to start bidding. Tables will be located indoors and outdoors in temperature-controlled open-air dining.

Proceeds will go toward funding the sets for the OSL Nativity.

Watch for more information to come!



Membership Changes

Elders Meeting, Sept 2023

TRANSFER IN:

Lanny and Bonnie Moore from St. Paul Lutheran - Thorndale, TX

PROFESSION OF FAITH:

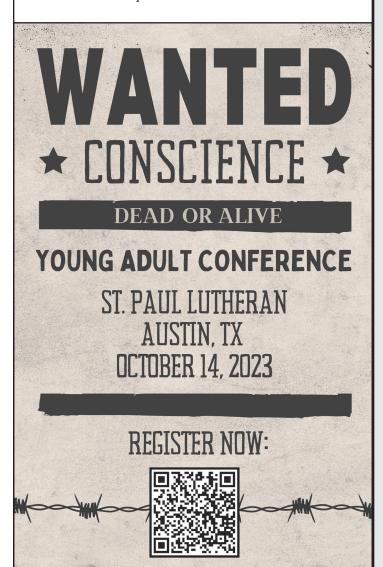
Jane Frazier (Mother of Glenn Frazier)

OUTGOING:

Tabitha Waiser Bolt to Bethany Lutheran Church - Austin, TX

DEATHS:

Smokey Stoever — August 19, 2023 Don Kaiser — September 1, 2023



Memorials & Honorariums The following memorials were given to the glory of God to Forward Faithfully, unless noted, in loving memory of ... Shirley Bruce (OSL School) Iudith S. Hale Don Kaiser..... Alan & Sandy Fritsche Bob & Pat Wottrich Lucy Cotrone Randy & Sheila Dawson Dr. Joe & Cathy Gillespie Carol Johnson Jennifer Jones Pat Krupala (Cheerful Helpers) The Laminack Family Jim & Sheryl Laminack Brad & Cinda Mobley The Paul & Rebecca Patterson Living Trust PDQ Staffing, Inc. Orval & Diane Rhoads Glenn & Judy Smith James Synnott, Jr. Michael Williams Marilyn & Cliff Zachry Jennifer Berg Alan & Sandy Fritsche Laura Morris Anthony & Toni Romano Irma Wheaton Jonathon & Karen Baker Paul & Debbie Blackshear Marlene Eickenhorst Dirk & Sharon Kemnitz (OSL School) Adam, Diane & Christian White Jackie Simcak..... The Wedergren Family HC Smokey Stoever..... Ann Putman Bob & Pat Wottrich Terry Tomchesson LWML Night Circle **HONORARIUMS:** Laura Bovd

- **Bella Adams Gene Lazarine**
- **Jude Armstrong Cristina Farley** Leah McDaniel
- **Kevin Hobart**
- **Levi Leaton Ruth Schmidt**
- **Ashlyn Bigger Sage Duerr**
- **Sue Kriegbaum Eva Nitsch David Renevier**
- Hortencia Schneider
- 10 Andrea Morgan Reese Savoie **Arlene Wottrich**
- 11 Nell Bitner
- 12 Nalani Armstrong **Diane Kemnitz Susan Synnott**
- 13 Cheryl Erickson **Seeton Pollock**

- 14 Jessica Burke Art Gutierrez Jr. **Angie Nitsch**
- 15 Eric Fomby **Sandy Leger Adam White**
- 16 Pamela Flayler **Grant Rankin Christian White**
- 17 Hannah Listi **Annie Shephard Aaron Tannert**
- 18 Bill Cook **Julie McLarry Morgan Spangler Sophia Williams**
- **Michelle McNutt**
- 20 Buddy McSpadden **Carter Resendez** Diann Sowell **Mary Sumner Brad Whiting**
- 21 Heidi Gerke Gene Kunkel
- 22 Freya Kemnitz **David Schellberg**

- 23 Cameron Bennett Lauren Hilsher Sarah Jewell Naressa Vezey-Mackinnon
- 24 Fenny Valka Naomi Waiser
- 25 Danny Melcher
- **Debbie Wunderlich**
- 27 Bauer Burttschell Justice Okpulor **Emily Smith**
- 28 Henry Grissom **Robert Held**
- **Addison Aguilar** Oliver Biehle **Dennis Cook** Isabella Farley **Rayne Lankford**
- 30 David Amezcua **Lena Baughman**
- 31 Amy Campbell-Ryan **Nathan Fleer** lda O'Neill **Noah Synnott**

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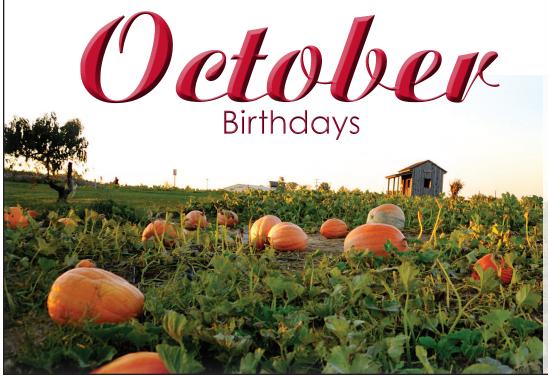
> Worship Sundays at 9:30am Bible Classes at 8:15 & 10:45am

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



October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8:15am Bible Class 8:15am Confirmation Class-YR 9:30am Matins 10:45am Sunday School 12:00pm Book Fair-Cafeteria 12:00pm Exultae Brass-Choir Rm 4:00pm Sr Youth Meeting-YR 6:00pm Coed Volleyball-Gym 6:00pm Non-OSL Confirmation-Zoom	2 6:00pm Young Adults Bible Study-YR 6:30pm Potter's Vessel-FR 7:00pm New Member Class-BC	3 7:00pm Church Council-BC	4 6:30am Men's Bible Study-BC 10:00am Bible Class- BC 12:00pm Bulletin Deadline	5 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	6	8:30am Men Alive- A101 Men's Breakfast 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 October 2023

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Acolytes	10/01/23	9:30 AM	Livy Adams / Brynn Burttschell	
Carts	10/01/23	9:30 AM	Pampell Team	
Elders	10/01/23	9:30 AM	Brian Nitsch / Channing Wood / Bill Prestwood / Gene Kunkel	
Evangelism	10/01/23	9:30 AM	Team 3 James	
Greeters	10/01/23	9:30 AM	TEAM 5: Friedrich / Kriegel	
Sound	10/01/23	9:30 AM	Greenwood	
Ushers	10/01/23	9:30 AM	Gobrogge Team	
Acolytes	10/08/23	9:30 AM	Huck Bender / Austin Pugh	
Altar Guild	10/08/23	9:30 AM	Barbara Mushinski Team	
Carts	10/08/23	9:30 AM	Downie Team	
Comm Asst.	10/08/23	9:30 AM	Brian Nitsch / Channing Wood / Bill Prestwood / Gene Kunkel	
Elders	10/08/23	9:30 AM	Brian Nitsch / Channing Wood / Bill Prestwood / Gene Kunkel	
Evangelism	10/08/23	9:30 AM	Team 4 Robert	
Greeters	10/08/23	9:30 AM	TEAM 6: Nalley / Edwards	
Sound	10/08/23	9:30 AM	Blake	
Ushers	10/08/23	9:30 AM	Symcox Team	
Acolytes	10/15/23	9:30 AM	Blake Farr / Wesley White	
Carts	10/15/23	9:30 AM	Kriegel Team	
Elders	10/15/23	9:30 AM	Brian Nitsch / Channing Wood / Bill Prestwood / Gene Kunkel	
Evangelism	10/15/23	9:30 AM	Team 5 Al	
Greeters	10/15/23	9:30 AM	TEAM 7: Fehrenkamp / Fritsche	
Sound	10/15/23	9:30 AM	Whiting	
Ushers	10/15/23	9:30 AM	Halbert Team	
Acolytes	10/22/23	9:30 AM	Lucas Downie / Caden Williams	
Altar Guild	10/22/23	9:30 AM	Clarissa Worthing Team	
Carts	10/22/23	9:30 AM	Gavin Team	
Comm Asst.	10/22/23	9:30 AM	Brian Nitsch / Channing Wood / Bill Prestwood / Gene Kunkel	
Elders	10/22/23	9:30 AM	Brian Nitsch / Channing Wood / Bill Prestwood / Gene Kunkel	
Evangelism	10/22/23	9:30 AM	Team 1 Lee	
Greeters	10/22/23	9:30 AM	TEAM 8: Greenwood / Domann / Peterson	
Sound	10/22/23	9:30 AM	Witt	
Ushers	10/22/23	9:30 AM	Downie Team	
Acolytes	10/29/23	9:30 AM	George Baughman / Anna Daniel / Abi Halbert / Lily Luna / Cade Witt	
Carts	10/29/23	9:30 AM	Stephens Team	
Elders	10/29/23	9:30 AM	Brian Nitsch / Channing Wood / Bill Prestwood / Gene Kunkel	
Evangelism	10/29/23	9:30 AM	Team 2 Garry	
Greeters	10/29/23	9:30 AM	TEAM 9: Kemnitz / Kunkel	
Sound	10/29/23	9:30 AM	Wilbanks	
Ushers	10/29/23	9:30 AM	Gobrogge Team	



"Thy Word Is a Lamp..."

The Christ follower is set apart from the world. Moral decisions, life commitments, and taking up our crosses require in depth study of the Word of God. The Christian gets cues and clues from the Word of God. The world often has difficulties with the follower of Jesus. Psalm 119:105, The Word lights our path! John 17:17, "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth." The Word sanctifies us to be Christ's healing, redeeming, and transforming presence in the world.

Now let us do it. Let us take the flashlight of His word and shine it into the dark places of the world. Since we belong to Christ, we want to show His transforming and wise love to the world. What does God's Word say about our world? What is a Christian supposed to do to bring Christ's loving presence to many divisive and difficult topics and situations? Many things divide my family today. These things just did not exist when I was young.

Abortion? If the little one in the womb is not alive or not human, it may be possible to disagree amicably.

What does God's Word say?

Well, the word abortion is not in the Bible. But the value God places on life in the womb is clear. Exodus 21:22, 23, "If men strive, and hurt a woman with child, so that her fruit depart from her, and yet no mischief follow: he shall be surely punished, according as the woman's husband will lay upon him; and he shall pay as the judges determine. And if any mischief follow, then thou shalt give life for life"

If the baby is born and lives, only a fine is levied and paid. If the baby dies? The perpetrator of the harm loses his life also. Let us repeat that. If the baby dies because of the harm inflicted, that person loses his life also.

Does voting for abortion qualify as "harm"? Does legalized abortion confuse the young mother? Does abortion create a climate where the baby in the womb is made less valuable? In allowing for the legal killing of the youngest and most vulnerable among us, have wife abuse, child abuse, domestic violence, murders, bullying, and injustice flourished? Are we reaping what we have sown? Just because the world devalues human life, should we give up? How can we help restore the morals, wisdom, and loving truth of God?

Many in our world sanction, order and enable the murder of other people, without wielding a weapon themselves. The mafia, gangs, and other circles of evil influence make us all too familiar with this dynamic. One does not have to hold the smoking gun to be responsible for the murder carried out.

My suggestion is that every Christian should read the Bible, commit to the Bible, obey the Bible, and share the truth. Proverbs 31:8, "Open thy mouth for the dumb in the cause of all such as are appointed to destruction."

That verse tells me that we should champion the cause of all such little innocent ones. We should speak out! We should vote to protect them! God forgive us for failing to distinguish this truth of God from the error of the world. God grant us the strength and courage to stand on God's Word! Difficult though it may be, let us stand up for life!

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Return Service Requested

Serving Families for Jesus Christ



(Fellowship And Study Together)

Wednesdays: October 18 – November 15

Light meal at 5:30pm, a short study at 6:30 (from many to choose), and evening prayer.

Pastor White: Lost Christianity – The Disappearance of the Christian Church in the Middle East and East Africa Lynette Cherington: Book Discussion – Simple Habits for Effective Parenting

David Amezcua: Greek the EZ Way (All ages welcome!)

Houston Lutherans For Life (Bruce Blake): Various Topics

Sarah Baughman: Writing Fiction - a Why-Who-What-When-Where Overview