

Our Savior Lutheran's OCTOBER Voice 2025

Lutherfest!

Reformation Sunday

October 26

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

Sunday School: 10:45 am

Lutherfest!

12:00-3:00 pm

Gym & Outside Pavilion

Delicious Food by the Holy
Smokers, Games, Face Painters!

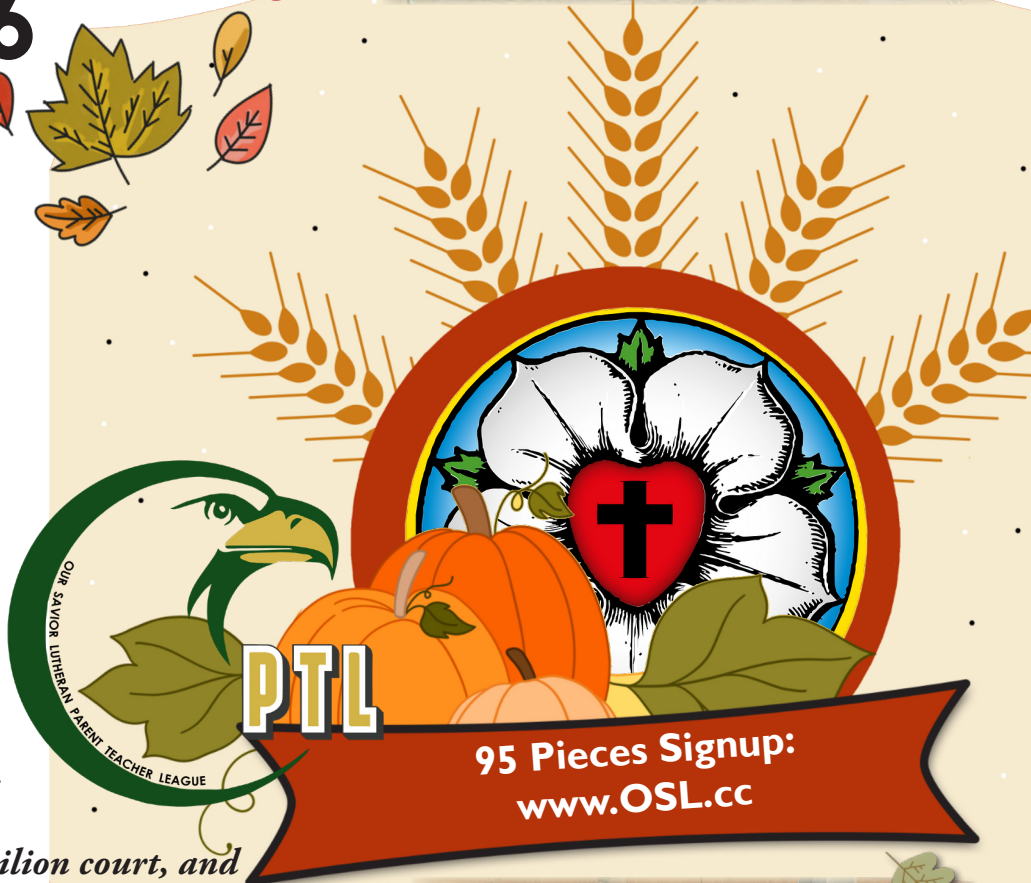
Bouncy Houses! Hayrides!

Live Entertainment by
Das Ist Lustig! 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! Details: www.OSL.cc*

Fun, Family-Friendly Costumes are welcome!





“95 Pieces” Table Treats!

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 Martin Luther / Reformation / Gospel type of theme**, and will need to have your table ready by **11:45am, Sunday, October 26, 2025**.

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

Have someone attending your table for the duration of the event. Bring some chairs to sit 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 300+ children at the event.

This year's event is 3 hours, ending at 3:00pm.

Questions? Contact the church office: **713-290-9087**.



“For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in Him of whom they have never heard?” – Romans 10:13-14

We all want our friends and family to share our lives with us forever. For that to happen, they must believe. According to Romans, belief requires our friends and family to hear the Word.

After building strong relationships with friends and family and sharing your ‘Christ moments,’ the natural next step is inviting them to experience God’s Word. This can feel like a big step, but there are many low-risk opportunities to introduce them to faith. Consider events like fellowship-linked services, high holiday celebrations (Christmas, Easter), or Bible classes tailored to their interests.

However, simply inviting isn’t enough. Ensure you bring them or meet them. Sit with them, be ready to answer questions, and help them navigate the service. And don’t forget to introduce them to your church family. That’s all you need to do. Remember that the Holy Spirit will do the saving work. It is our calling to bring them to where the Word is preached. ---**Bill Prestwood**, *Director of Evangelism and Assimilation*

I pray that I have given you some tools to help you as you fulfill the calling given to us by Christ. Evangelism is everyone’s responsibility. “Let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.” Galatians 6:9

Man was meant to live in peace with God forever. God bid him eat from the Tree of Life and live, but man set himself up against God and then against everyone else. Luther used to talk about how Adam became curved in on himself when became a sinner. His focus and his desire was for his own belly and nothing else. The wrath of man is kindled when his eye is pulled away from his own desires and pleasures. It takes someone powerful and out of this world to straighten man out. The fight is real. The bullets tear through flesh and blood. The words may not break bones, but they do destroy hearts and tear down someone from the inside out. The violence of man is real. There is only One hope against it. Our hope is in the Son of God that died and rose again. Jesus is the only one that can redirect our eyes and hearts on him and our neighbor. Jesus is the powerful One that makes new what man has broken. Peace is restored by the proclamation of Jesus’ Word. Heavenly comfort is freely given where his Sacraments are given. In the midst of the battle and in the face of unbelievable evil, return to the Lord your God. Weep at his feet and pray to him as he delivers peace to you and your family. God would have you eat from the Tree of Life that is his Son and live with him forever. As bullets fly, the Word of God forgives, makes new, and strengthens. The Lord Jesus has won forgiveness, life, and salvation for you. Feast with Him and know his love for you.

Pastor Cholak

Every OSL Member Is Invited!

Fall F.A.S.T. is just around the corner. Every fall and every spring we have a five week fellowship and education night at Our Savior Lutheran called, **Fellowship and Study Together or F.A.S.T.** This year we will be meeting from **October 15 - November 12**. The evening starts with dinner prepared by our very own school chef, Mrs. Diana Foraker. Come and eat and enjoy fellowship with others from 5:30-6:30 in the school cafeteria. At 6:30 we divide up for individual classes. Classes can be of any number of topics and subjects. Look for this fall’s topics in an upcoming Sunday bulletin. To end out the day, we return to the cafeteria to sing and pray Evening Prayer with the community at 7:30.

Plan on joining us this October and November for F.A.S.T. Child care is provided. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Cholak.



Dear Members of Our Savior Lutheran Church,

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. Psalm 1:1-3

Each day, our scholars engage in the memory the church recites each Sunday. We pray together as a school to start each day. Every class prays together, recites the catechism and Bible verses, and we sing together, "Sing to the Lord a New Song!" Thank you for providing a safe and Biblically-rich environment for this community here in Houston. We are blessed to serve alongside you, sharing the love of Jesus and His saving message.

The school has had a whirlwind September. We can hardly believe that we have reached the midpoint of the quarter. Our teachers have been implementing the Science standards we adopted this Spring with great enthusiasm. It is a joy to hear about the excitement and awe our scholars experience through the wonder and discoveries made during their weekly experiments. Our school has also partnered with Planting Science, a program through the Garden Society of America. My sister, Jennifer Hartley, leads this educational program connecting scientists with classrooms. Mr. Prestwood is keen to share his experiences, so don't hesitate to ask!

Some highlights for September include:

- We had seven teachers receive CCLE Teacher Certification: Mrs. Spangler, Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Payne, Mrs. Ripple, Ms. Theis, and Mr. Armstrong!
- We inducted three new members into our LJHA!
- LJHA enjoyed a special leadership meeting with Mayor Whitmire on campus.
- Our Prefects met for the first time this year for a leadership learn and lunch.
- The Astronomy Club met for the first time this school year.
- We hosted our second annual cross-country meet on our beautiful campus.
- Our sixth-grade scholars attended Outdoor Education at Camp Lone Star.
- Jason's Deli & Crust Pizza hosted our first Spirit Nights of the year.
- Our CCLE accreditation site visit occurred at the end of the month. (We will share the report highlights next month.)
- All Eagle sports teams played and won on September 11! Go Eagles!

For me, the news and now the preparations for God's calling our family from this beautiful place to our alma mater, Concordia University-Chicago, have been at the top of my agenda. Thank you for the kind and encouraging words as we settle into this reality. The Board of Parochial Education and the school administration are busy preparing for the second semester. Thank you for your prayers as they seek the next school leader to continue this essential work here in Houston at this amazing church and school.

Thank you for your unending support of our school.

Go Eagles!

Warmly,
Principal Thaelke





Lutheran Women in Mission
PRAYER SERVICE 2025

Blessed are they...

Matthew 5:1-12

LWML White Oak Zone Fall Rally

Sunday, October 5 • 2:00 pm

Refreshments to follow • Registration begins at 1:30 pm

A time to gather, sing hymns, and enjoy moments of reflection and conversation. We'll also work together on a service project benefiting Forged by Fire.

Our Savior Lutheran Church

5000 W. Tidwell • Houston, TX 77091

Join us!

No RSVP needed



LWML Cheerful Helpers

- **October 5th is LWML Sunday;** wear your **purple!**
LWML White Oak Zone
- **White Oak Zone Fall Rally** at Our Savior Lutheran Church is Sunday, **October 5th @ 2pm!**
All are welcome -- join us for a light luncheon, prayer service, and a brief presentation from our LWML District Endowment Chair!
- **October 18th is Ladies' Bunco @ 10am** in the Bible Classroom.
Join us!



Cheerful Helpers Registration:

Want to be part of LWML Cheerful Helpers? Or are you a current member who needs to re-register? 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 to 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 payable to OS� Cheerful Helpers.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Chrismons

We will soon begin assembling the ornaments for Christmas 2025; this includes cutting out the fabric and paper, glueing the layers together, tying a string to the ornament, and wrapping in tissue paper. If you are interested in helping, please contact Sarah in the church office (sbaughman@osl.cc).

Our ornament this year is the Crown. Jesus Christ is a King like no other – born humbly, to save us from our sin.

If you are interested in helping stitch, there are kits ready to be picked up in the Family Room between church and Bible class; you can also ask Sarah in the church office if you have questions.

Be a Part of the 2025 Nativity! We Need Your Help!

Do you love sharing the joy of Jesus' birth and enjoy crafts or helping others? We're seeking enthusiastic volunteers for the upcoming **2025 Nativity event, December 13, at 5pm!** Roles include crafts, greeters, guides, manger scene participants, and setup assistance for scenes and stations. *Join our team and make this year's Nativity truly special!*

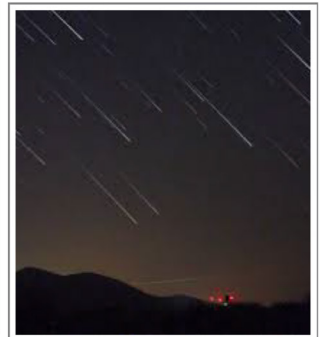
Please get in touch with **Bill Prestwood** at: bprestwood@osl.cc or text at (806)626-5244.



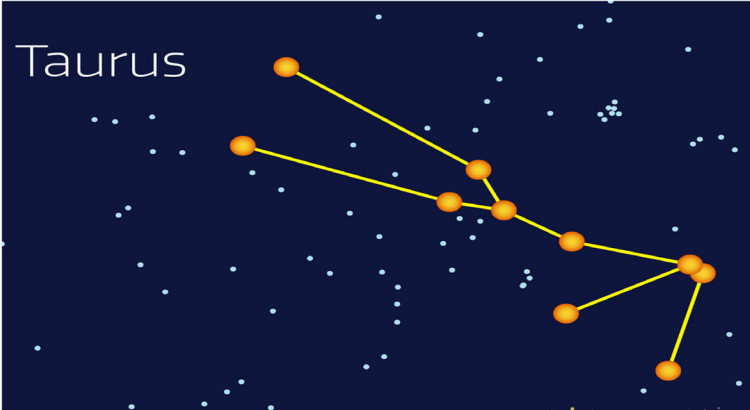


The Stars: An Introduction
Tuesday, October 21
8:00 pm - Soccer Field

Join us as we explore the vast depths of God's creation as we look to the stars. The constellations Taurus and Orion are in good view and we might get to see a meteor shower.



OSL Astronomy Club



Memorials

*Given to the glory of God to **Forward Faithfully: Building for Our Future** (unless noted otherwise), in loving memory of ...*

Valeria Dietrich

Mary Dorsch (LFL)
Rev. Tim & Ruth Dorsch (LFL)
Rev. Ken & Karen Haskell (LFL)
Janice Jolley
Joy Lunsford
Tina Mosley (LFL)
Lois Newbauer (LFL)
Kathleen & Alan Nicholson
Thelma Oberndorfer
Marvin & Lucille Schultz
Rev. Gary & Susan Wolf (LFL)
Joe & Karen Ytuarte (LFL)

Byron Martens

Janice Jolley
Joy Lunsford
Kenneth Stringer

Paul & Gertrude Stringer

Kenneth Stringer

Honorariums & Missions

Lutherans in Africa – May Family

Lon Huse

Africa – Wokoma

Laura Boyd

Forward Faithfully – Building for Our Future:

Deanie Stephens' 80th Birthday

Clarence & Nelda Pampell
Diana Stachowiak

Shelby Garner's 25th Birthday

Lona Reeves

Lutheran Witness Renewal

If you would like to be included in the church's subscription, simply write a check to OSL for \$25.00, with "Lutheran Witness" in the memo, and place it in the offering plate by **October 15**.



Thinking About Classical Lutheran Education?

If you're considering Our Savior Lutheran School for your child, we encourage you to take the first step by completing our Inquiry Form at www.oslschool.org. We would love to welcome you for a campus visit and walk alongside your family through the admissions process.

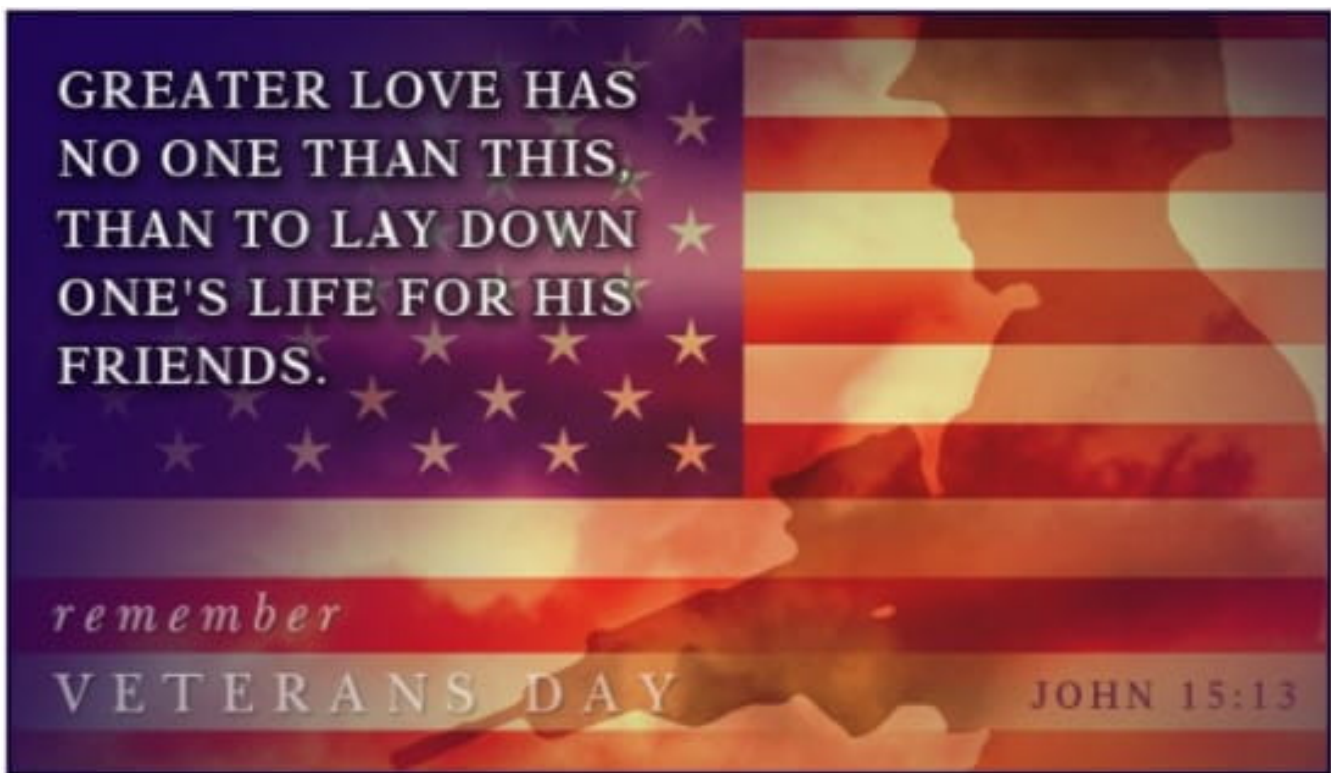
Don't delay. Tours are already in full swing, and you don't want to miss this opportunity. Seats fill quickly, and families who complete the full admissions process by January 15 will be eligible for early admissions notification.

Start your journey with us today. We would be honored to welcome you into the Eagle family.

Questions? Contact our Admissions Office:
Whitney Ferrarese • wferrarese@oslschool.org



OUR SAVIOR
LUTHERAN SCHOOL



Veteran's Day Chapel

Wednesday, November 12, 2025 at 8:15

Our Savior Lutheran School wants to recognize our veterans in chapel. Please join our scholars as we thank our Armed Forces for protecting our country.

Reception following chapel in the Family Room downstairs for all veterans sponsored by the Lutheran Junior Honor Society.

Please join us as we honor you!

Light refreshments, coffee, and juice to be served.

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Church Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday: 8 am-5 pm

Fridays: 8 am-4 pm

October Birthdays

1 Bella Adams
Gene Lazarine

2 Avi Del Aguila

4 Jude Armstrong
Cristina Farley
Leah McDaniel

5 Kevin Hobart
Juliette Mucci

6 Levi Leaton
Ruth Schmidt

7 Sage Duerr

8 Eva Nitsch
David Renevier

9 Savannah Golden
Charlee Morris
Hortencia Schneider

10 Andrea Morgan
Reese Savoie
Arlene Wottrich

11 Nell Bitner

12 Kasey Armstrong
Diane Kemnitz
Susan Synnott

13 Cheryl Erickson
Evelyn Jozwiak
Seeton Pollock

14 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
Alex Dinsmore
Julie McLarry
Morgan Spangler
Sophia Williams

19 Alan Lee
Michelle McNutt

20 Lorna Hemingway
Carter Resendez
Diann Sowell
Mary Sumner
Brad Whiting

21 Heidi Gerke
Gene Kunkel

22 Charlotte Berry
Freya Kemnitz
David Schellberg

23 Cameron Bennett
Henry Grissom
Lauren Hilsher
Naressa Vezey-Mackinnon

24 Fenny Valka
Naomi Waiser

25 Danny Melcher

26 Debbie Wunderlich

27 Bauer Burttschell
Justice Okpolor

28 Robert Held
Frances Homfeld

29 Addison Aguilar
Oliver Biehle
Jackson Clark
Dennis Cook
Isabella Farley
Rayne Lankford

30 Lena Baughman
Caleb Clark

31 Amy Campbell-Ryan
Nathan Fleeer
Ida O'Neill
Noah Synnott

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <h1>2025 October</h1>			1 6:30am Men's Bible Study-BC 8:15am Chapel - Sanctuary 10:00am Bible Class-BC 12:00pm <u>Bulletin Deadline</u>	2 3:00pm <u>Prayer Request printing deadline</u> 6:00pm Lutheran Confessions Bible Study Group-BC 6:15pm Carillon Ringers 7:00pm Jubilate Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary 7:00pm Word Web Bible Study-Zoom	3	4 8:30am Men Alive-A101  11:00am Bon Appétit
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26 Reformation Sunday 8:15am Bible Class 8:15am Confirmation Class-YR 9:30am Festival Communion 10:45am Sunday School 12:00pm Jr Youth Fusion-YR 12:00pm-3:00pm Lutherfest! 	27 6:00pm Young Adults Bible Study-YR 7:00pm Life with God-New Member Class - BC 	28 6:30pm Stitches Fellowship Group - FR 7:00pm Parochial Ed-BC	29 6:30am Men's Bible Study-BC 8:15am Chapel - Sanctuary 10:00am Bible Class-BC 12:00pm <u>Bulletin Deadline</u>  5:30pm F.A.S.T. Dinner & Classes	30 3:00pm <u>Prayer Request printing deadline</u> 6:15pm Carillon Ringers 7:00pm Jubilate Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary 7:00pm Word Web Bible Study-Zoom	31  Reformation Day 8:15am Reformation Day Chapel Service	1 All Saints Day

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

Those To Serve: October 2025

Acolytes	10/05/25	9:30 AM	Clementine Bender, Isabelle Frazier
Carts	10/05/25	9:30 AM	Gavin Team
Elders	10/05/25	9:30 AM	Brad Whiting / Bradley Synnott / Glenn Frazier / Ken Thompson
Evangelism	10/05/25	9:30 AM	Team 3: Kriegel
Greeters	10/05/25	9:30 AM	TEAM 4: Copeland / Downie
Sound	10/05/25	9:30 AM	J. Wilbanks
Ushers	10/05/25	9:30 AM	Gobrogge Team
Acolytes	10/12/25	9:30 AM	Max Berry, William Garcia
Altar Guild	10/12/25	9:30 AM	Vickie Nitsch Team
Carts	10/12/25	9:30 AM	Stephens Team
Comm Asst.	10/12/25	9:30 AM	Brad Whiting / Bradley Synnott / Glenn Frazier / Ken Thompson
Elders	10/12/25	9:30 AM	Brad Whiting / Bradley Synnott / Glenn Frazier / Ken Thompson
Evangelism	10/12/25	9:30 AM	Team 4: O'Neill / Schmidt
Greeters	10/12/25	9:30 AM	TEAM 5: Friedrich / Kriegel
Sound	10/12/25	9:30 AM	Greenwood
Ushers	10/12/25	9:30 AM	Symcox Team
Acolytes	10/19/25	9:30 AM	Sydney Leamon, Noelle Synnott
Carts	10/19/25	9:30 AM	Adams Team
Elders	10/19/25	9:30 AM	Brad Whiting / Bradley Synnott / Glenn Frazier / Ken Thompson
Evangelism	10/19/25	9:30 AM	Team 5: Malson
Greeters	10/19/25	9:30 AM	TEAM 6: Edwards
Sound	10/19/25	9:30 AM	T. Wilbanks
Ushers	10/19/25	9:30 AM	Halbert Team
Acolytes	10/26/25	9:30 AM	Melanija Jokic, Paige Lawder, Eli Morris, Prynce Willis, Camryn Winfree
Altar Guild	10/26/25	9:30 AM	Ann Putman Team
Carts	10/26/25	9:30 AM	Pampell Team
Comm Asst.	10/26/25	9:30 AM	Brad Whiting / Bradley Synnott / Glenn Frazier / Ken Thompson
Elders	10/26/25	9:30 AM	Brad Whiting / Bradley Synnott / Glenn Frazier / Ken Thompson
Evangelism	10/26/25	9:30 AM	Team 1: Nino
Greeters	10/26/25	9:30 AM	TEAM 7: Fehrenkamp
Sound	10/26/25	9:30 AM	Whiting
Ushers	10/26/25	9:30 AM	Downie Team

**THANK YOU for your support
with the BAKED POTATO Sale!**

We are excited for the Washington D.C. trip in May and the church congregation is always so supportive! We look forward to selling some sweets, putting some known adults in jail and throwing pie in a select few faces at the Reformation Celebration!



Holy Smokers Fundraiser for the WOW Women's Retreat



2 Chickens + 1 Pork Loin = \$35

Order by Thursday, October 9. Pickup will be on Saturday, October 11, starting at 1:00 pm.

Please make checks payable to "OSL Holy Smokers" with "Women's Retreat" in the memo.

Order with this form, or at: www.osl.cc/holysmokers

SAVE THE DATE
11.14.25

OSL MEN ALIVE
22nd ANNUAL CHARITY
GOLF TOURNAMENT
8:30AM START



**Jersey Meadow
Golf Course**

8502 RIO GRANDE ST,
JERSEY VILLAGE, TX 77040

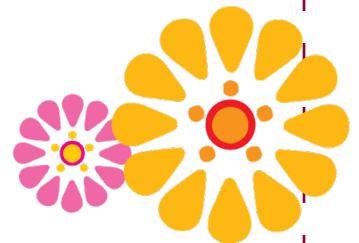
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL:
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MENALIVE@OSL.CC

Name:

Phone:

Email:

How many sets of 2 chickens and
a pork loin:



OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN Church & School

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Return Service Requested

Serving Families for Jesus Christ



(Fellowship And Study Together)

Wednesdays: October 15 – November 12

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

***Article entry deadline is October 15 for November's issue**