

Our Savior Lutheran's

September 2025

Choice



Big Blue Bus by Amanda Crabtree & Elyssa DeDios

After 14 years of serving expectant moms and their babies who have been saved from abortions, the Houston Coalition for Life (HCL) bus affectionately dubbed the **"Big Blue Bus"** has some irretrievable maintenance issues and is being retired from the battlefield of mobile baby rescue on the street. This is a story of life and death in many ways. Big Blue's legacy will live on in the new Big Blue Bus that will continue offering *free* pregnancy tests, *free* ultrasounds, and *free* confidential counseling to women. There are also two small vans, named *Little One* and *Little Two*. You may have seen them parked on OSU's campus. So, what's the story?

A little over ten years ago, Norman Adams produced a ten-minute video about the Big Blue Bus and Houston Coalition for Life.¹ In that mini documentary, Pastor White spelled it out, *"Abortion is a lie. It is bondage presenting itself as free choice. Only the truth can defeat the lie."* Houston Coalition for Life began defeating that monstrous lie with only three faithful employees (one of whom was part-time) when they were a blossoming operation on Fannin Street.

In 2024 alone, over 5,000 women had visited the blue bus with a 97% success rate! God continues to perform miracles and display His power to us even today (Psalm 77:14). While Planned Parenthood tells pregnant women (and their significant others) that a fetus is a disposable blob of cells, the free ultrasounds offered on Big Blue are an undeniable *"window to the womb."* A short 22 days after conception, the baby's heart starts beating. Baby moves on her own around 8 weeks, and at 10-11 weeks the baby sometimes appears to *"wave"* to Mom on the ultrasound. Baby can hear Mom singing, sighing, yelling, crying at just 18 weeks in utero. Because women can see and hear their babies with the free services offered on the bus, they overwhelmingly choose life.

How did the Houston Coalition for Life go from three bustling employees to four busy buses and an office location that offers pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, counseling, and more? Christine Melchor, Executive Director of HCL was recently interviewed by Elyssa DeDios, HCL's Communication Director, to explain the history of that mighty Motor Coach Industries bus that provides free pregnancy tests, free ultrasounds, and free confidential counseling.

When Planned Parenthood opened on the Gulf Freeway in May of 2009, Christine Melchor *"felt a definite prompting of the Holy Spirit."* With no room to construct a new HCL or pregnancy center near the 78,000 square foot Planned Parenthood facility, Christine initiated raising funds for a mobile pregnancy center. Funded by individual contributions and HCL's first Walk for Life in 2009 and another in 2010, they raised enough money to purchase a large bus. But where would they find such a bus?

The bus was in Pennsylvania. A deacon from St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Houston found the 23-year-old bus. The deacon also happened to be a pilot and owned a private plane. He flew one HCL employee, one priest, and one driver (to bring the bus back to Houston) to Pennsylvania to pick up a life-changing automobile that would transport women from fear and uncertainty to hope and empowerment as they embraced motherhood. When Elyssa asked, "How long did everything take," Christine remembers that it was *"Nine months from the time we found the bus to it being ready for the road."* Nine months later – the time of human gestation – the bus was ready for life.

¹ Adams, Norman E. (2014 Oct. 17). The Houston Coalition For Life's Big Blue Bus. [Video]. YouTube. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oYDv4CTAiAs&list=WL&index=5>



In February of 2011, the fully operational bus was blessed by priests at the Catholic Charismatic Center. Christine Melchor had a big hand in the design of the silhouetted pregnant woman on the bus, filled with baby pictures from volunteers at HCL. A company called *Imagimotive* created the design for the bus wrap. The Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Initiative donated the first ultrasound machine. Now all they needed was a driver. And then quite suddenly, *“a man popped his head into the bus and asked if we needed a driver! That was Leo Galvan and he is still driving for us, a Godsend indeed!”*

Christine recalls that one of the first women to visit the Big Blue Bus *“was a young lady who had an abortion scheduled at Planned Parenthood, and on her way in she saw a pro-lifer holding a sign with a picture of a baby at eight weeks gestation. When she was actually on the abortion table, she asked the Planned Parenthood nurse if her baby had a heartbeat, and*



An HCL person had the idea of making “coupons” to offer women. The Sidewalk Counselors could approach a car or person entering Planned Parenthood in a friendly, non-confrontational way, showing that they had something to offer – not wanting to take something, but to *give* something to them. The “coupon” (two-sided, printed in English and Spanish) was for a free sonogram. Planned Parenthood is not free. An easy script for a Sidewalk Counselor is to extend a sincere smile and a “coupon,” then say, “Hi, are you visiting Planned Parenthood today for a sonogram? Did you know that this blue bus right here offers *free* sonograms? They will be happy to do one for you, and if you still want to keep your appointment with Planned Parenthood after that, you can.” As women saw Sidewalk Counselors and silent protestors praying with gentleness and love, they began to trust the Blue Bus and their people. Christine Melchor said that *“women commented on how kind and loving we were as opposed to how Planned Parenthood treated them.”* Love covers a multitude of sins, even that of abortion (1 Peter 4:8). Relationships were made and babies were saved. Thanks be to God.

Following the dynamic success of the Big Blue Bus, HCL launched the Baby Blue Bus in 2014, offering the same free services outside Houston’s busiest abortion facility- the Houston Women’s Clinic, which closed after Roe fell. In 2015, HCL opened an office and began referring to its three locations as the ***Blue Blossom Pregnancy Centers***. They introduced the *Maternal Assistance Program* for material support and the *Curriculum of Life* to equip moms with parenting and spiritual guidance. To reach tighter spaces, HCL added two blue vans – *Little One* and *Little Two* – in 2022 and 2023.



thanks be to God the nurse answered her truthfully and told her that it did. She got off the abortion table and came right into the bus. We were able to show her that her baby was nine weeks gestation and had a little heart just beating away! She cried and cried and chose life!”

At first, women were hesitant to enter the Big Blue Bus.

Christine Melchor's hope in 2011 (and still today) for what Big Blue would accomplish is *"that through our services – through the grace of God – we would be able to save moms and their babies from abortion."* Indeed, Big Blue and the prayers and labors of many people have done just that by the grace of God.

Christine has always held deep gratitude for Pastor White and the unwavering support of Our Savior in our life-saving mission. When it came time to decide what to do with Big Blue, HCL knew they couldn't simply let the 37-year-old bus go — it represents a powerful piece of Houston's pro-life



history. Thousands of lives have been saved within its walls, and countless families have been forever changed because of the care offered inside that bus.

From the start, HCL knew that they didn't want to sell it. They wanted to ensure Big Blue would be preserved, respected, and appreciated for the impact it's made. Our Savior was the first place they thought of. With the two Little Ones already stationed there, HCL knew Big Blue would be safe and honored on OSL's campus.

While we don't yet know what the long-term future holds — whether one day it might be displayed in a pro-life museum or moved to a future HCL facility — for now, there is no better home for Big Blue. Our Savior has been a faithful defender of life and one of HCL's most dedicated partners over the years. HCL is confident this piece of pro-life history is in the right hands.

Although we rejoice at the good things God has done for us and through us, we cannot become complacent or puffed up or fall into a false sense of security. The mega-Planned Parenthood is closing its doors, and we should give thanks to God for the victory. But did you know that Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas is acquiring four more clinics, making a total of 22 clinics operating in Texas?² Like a single spider egg sac that hatches multiple spiderlings quickly

² Abuzeid, Amira. (2025 July 28). World's Largest Planned Parenthood to close due to lack of funding. The Catholic World Report. <https://www.catholicworldreport.com/2025/07/28/world-s-largest-planned-parenthood-clinic-to-close-due-to-lack-of-funding/>

spreading and infesting the area, Planned Parenthood is a multi-threat with smaller locations all over Texas. The clinics not only offer abortions, but also provide gender-altering procedures, another threat to life and the blessings that God has in store.

One of Planned Parenthood's strategies is to weaken the troops and cut off access to supplies by making multiple locations. Can we possibly have a fleet of 22 blue buses operating all around Texas? That's a lofty goal, and maybe it will be a reality one day. But if we believe that Planned Parenthood closing the mega-location means that they are throwing in the towel, we are falling for the enemy's misleading lie. As Christians, we fight *not* with the weapons of the world, but with weapons that have the power to demolish strongholds (2 Corinthians 10:4-5). We can pray and speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves (Proverbs 31:8-9). We can continue marching forward, trusting God for the outcome.

This is a story of life and death: of a mom, (a dad), and an unborn child; of bloodshed and surrender; of darkness and light. Rev. Michael Salemkink, former Executive Director of Lutherans for Life, preached at OSL one Sunday not too long ago and shared what a team of scientists at Northwestern University discovered in 2016: a phenomenon known as the "zinc spark." At the moment of conception — the very moment that a sperm fertilizes an egg — a spark of light



flashes. In the midst of utter darkness, light. By a miracle of God, life. God is love. God is light and in Him there is no darkness at all (1 John 1:5).

A spokeswoman for the Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast affiliate confidently stated that "support from donors has largely allowed the Houston clinics to maintain services, but the Greater Texas acquisition is intended to provide more

long-term stability.”³ Long-term stability. Are we prepared for the battle that rages on? Yes, the fight is fierce, and the warfare is long. Planned Parenthood has generous donors and people rooting for it. We also have generous donors and people praying. We can be fearless in the face of hardships because the Lord is on our side; we will not fear. What can man do to us (Psalm 118:6)?

The founder and CEO of *40 Days for Life*, Shawn Carney, notes that “at its peak, this center [Planned Parenthood on the Gulf Freeway] aborted 10,000 babies a year, up until 24 weeks of pregnancy.”⁴ So far in 2025 (from January 1 – June 30) there have been 2,021 women who have visited one of the five Blue Blossom Pregnancy Centers. Since its inception in 2011 to date, 93% of women contemplating abortion have instead chosen to embrace life. Continue praying for those women and for the women yet to visit a Blue Bus. Pray for their eyes to be opened to the *truth*, their hearts to be opened to *life*, and their lives to be opened to God’s warm and radiant *light*. Planned Parenthood sells lies, death, and darkness, “a bondage presenting itself as free choice,” as Pastor White said. We cannot give up now. Onward, Christian soldiers.

The Big Blue Bus was thought of by Christine Melchor, paid for by many people just like you, brought to Houston by generous volunteers, and manned by those who have the heart of a servant. God is providing a new Big Blue to continue the mission. Tours of the new bus will be offered at the upcoming **Run & Walk for Life** event on September 20th at St. Theresa’s near Memorial Park. You can learn more about the event on the Houston Coalition for Life website. *We hope to see you there!*



New Big Blue!

³ MacDonald, Evan. (2025 July 25). Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast closing two Houston clinics, four others acquired by affiliate. Houston Chronicle. <https://www.houston-chronicle.com/health/article/planned-parenthood-houston-closing-20784965.php>

⁴ Abuzeid, Amira. (2025 July 28). World’s Largest Planned Parenthood to close due to lack of funding. The Catholic World Report. <https://www.catholicworldreport.com/2025/07/28/world-s-largest-planned-parenthood-clinic-to-close-due-to-lack-of-funding/>



Saturday, Sept 20, 8:00-11am

St. Theresa Catholic Church

6622 Haskell St, Houston TX 77007

Since the Dobbs decision overturned Roe in 2022 and Texas law made abortion illegal at every stage, visits to our **Blue Blossom Pregnancy Centers** have increased by 50% and visits to our **Curriculum of Life** class attendance has increased by 45%. All of HCL’s pregnancy centers provide women in crisis pregnancies with **FREE** life-affirming services like pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, confidential counseling, classes, baby items, and referrals to community resources. Because of the loving encouragement expecting moms receive, **93% of the women served by HCL continue their pregnancy and are given the support they need to care for and love their preborn babies.**

The walk begins in the parking lot of St. Theresa Catholic Church in Memorial Park. Registered runners and walkers will be guided to the entrance of Memorial Park to complete their run/walk. Maps will be provided.

Scan the QR code to donate to the Blue Blossom mission, and if you’re interested to register for the Run/Walk...

Funds raised will continue to provide free services to help women in crisis pregnancies choose life for their child thru our Blue Blossom Pregnancy Centers (Big Blue Bus, Baby Blue, Little One, Little Two, and our main office at 2925 West TC Jester).



The difficult times hit us when we least expect it. The devil prowls around like a hungry lion seeking someone to devour. We really do walk in danger all the way. It also feels like you are all alone in your walk. Death's dark valley will trip you up. Life will throw you curve balls and convince you that it is impossible to go on. Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, we believe in the God of Impossible Things. The God we believe in does what is unexpected. But, don't judge that God by the amount of sorrow and pain you experience. Judge him, instead, by the Lamb's Book of Life. Your name is written there and you have been counted worthy to suffer like Jesus. We even rejoice that he has counted us worthy to fight and to suffer like him. One of my favorite verses in all the Bible is Psalm 68:6, "God settles the solitary in a home; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious dwell in a parched land." When the going gets tough, remember that God has given you a Church family. It was the Holy Spirit that lead you to Our Savior Lutheran Church. He has equipped you with the armor and the weapons you need for every impossible moment. You have been given two pastors to preach the Word of God to your situation. You don't have to wait for Sunday to hear a sermon just for you. You don't have to only speak and hear the Word of God on Sunday. Remember that as God has made you a member of his Son Jesus Christ, that he has also given you many members to surround you and to bear you up and to help you in your need. O little flock, O people of Our Savior, fear not the foe, who madly seeks your overthrow; dread not his rage and power. And though your courage sometimes faints, the devil's seeming triumph over God's saints lasts but a little hour. The victory of Jesus lasts forever. —**Pastor Cholak**



Last month, I reminded you of the call that we have to share the Gospel. The first step is to build a relationship. Establishing genuine relationships with friends, family, and neighbors creates the foundation for sharing the Gospel. Once you build the relationship, then what? How do you begin to share with them, knowing they are not believers? The risk may be great. What if they stop being your friend or stop talking to you?

Focus on how God works in the "little things" and daily life experiences, as these can be more relatable and impactful than dramatic conversion stories, especially for those who grew up in the church. There will always be a risk to sharing these experiences, but the impact of a personal testimony, even in small ways, can be significant. The risk is reduced significantly when you share daily life experiences. Frame your experiences to showcase God's involvement – how He protected you, provided peace during difficulties, or blessed you in seemingly minor situations. Sharing these personal stories can naturally lead to opportunities for discussing faith, prayer, and worship with non-believers, ultimately pointing them towards God's love and the life they might be missing.

In His service,

Bill Prestwood, *Director of Evangelism & Assimilation,*
OSL Church & School

Want to Join OSL?

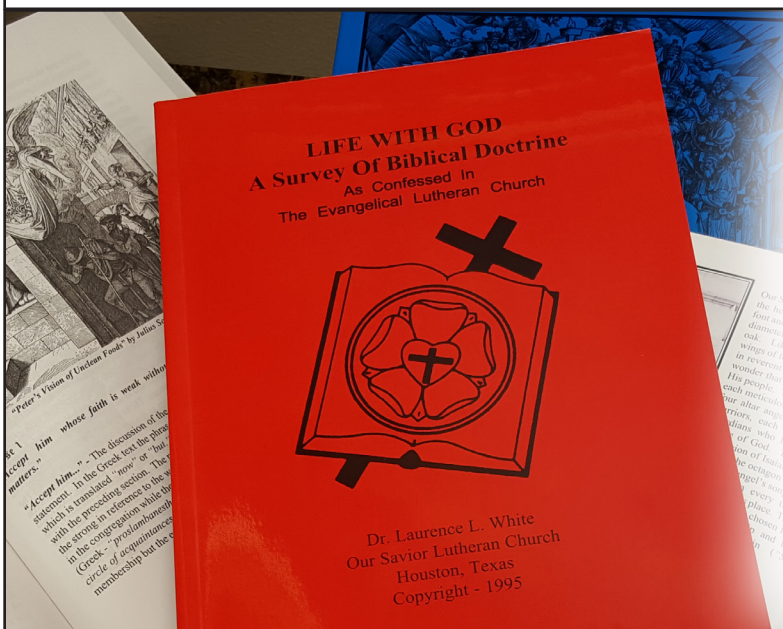
Would you like a refresher on Lutheran teaching?

Life With God is a study of God's Word and the Lutheran Doctrine.

Class is held Mondays, from 7:00-8:30 pm, in the Bible Class Room with a light meal before class at 6:30 pm.

Class will begin Monday, September 8.

Bring a neighbor, a friend, or family!



Dear Members of Our Savior Lutheran Church,

Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love, that he may deliver their soul from death and keep them alive in famine. Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and our shield. For our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name. Psalm 33:13-21

This August has been busy! We welcomed our staff back to campus officially on August 1 and completed our preparations for the 2025-2026 school year. We welcomed 76 new scholars and a total of 395 scholars on the first day of school! This means that we have had to be mindful of our spaces to ensure that we can safely move about the campus. We are excited to see the new school building construction begin. We await the permitting process to complete and anticipate that construction will start next month.

We also welcomed professionals to our campus to kick off our professional development with a Classical Lutheran Education conference on our campus. We were pleased to provide mental health CPR/First Aid training, classical lesson planning, and classroom management, and updated our CPR, internet safety, & mandatory reporting trainings. We also hosted Mr. Joshua Gibbs, a classical education teacher trainer from The Ambrose School in Idaho.

Our teachers completed Tell the Teacher More meetings with our parents, which allowed our school parents to share insights about their child with the new classroom teacher. Then we had Back to School Nights when teachers shared their classroom procedures and expectations, along with what the curriculum will be covered this year in the classroom. Mrs. Wright met with parents to update support services plans for our scholars, too.

We celebrated the start of school with a Back to School Bash the week before school started. Our eighth-grade families served a meal to support their fundraising efforts as they prepare for the 8th-grade class trip to Washington, DC. We

sorted our new scholars into houses and introduced new chapel buddies. Our Fall sports season has begun with junior varsity and varsity volleyball teams, a soccer team, and a cross-country team. Check out our website for events and games where you can join us in cheering on our Eagles this year.

Thank you for your unending support of our school. Go Eagles!

Warmly,
Principal Thaelke







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Loaded Baked Potato Sale

A fundraiser for OSL 8th grade class trip to D.C.

Sunday, September 21, 2025
after church, at top and bottom
or after Sunday School outside church building or cafeteria

Suggested Price \$15

Free Will Offering
Chopped Beef topping available
cash, checks, venmo, or zelle



Shae Lawder
@Shae-Lawder

venmo



zelle

Music Ministry Begins!

If you've ever had an interest in being part of this ministry, then join us this year. There are no auditions for any of the groups. The only requirement is to have a love of music and heart of service. The Holy Spirit will take care of the rest.

- **Carillon Ringers** will begin on **Wednesday**, September 3rd & 10th, at 6:15pm in the Sanctuary. (Will resume on **Thursdays** on September 18.)
- **Jubilate Choir** will begin on **Wednesday**, September 3rd & 10th, at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary. (Will resume on **Thursdays** on September 18.)
- **Exultae Brass** will begin on Sunday, September 7 following Bible Study.
- **Laudate Women's Choir** will begin on Sunday, September 14 following Bible Study.
- **Cantate Chamber Ensemble** will begin on Sunday, September 21 following Bible Study.

Please see the Music Ministry on OSL's website or do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. We'd love to have as many people as the loft can hold!

Jeff Armstrong: jarmstrong@oslschool.org



Fall Volleyball League starts...



We will start on Sunday, Sept 7 in the gym at 5:00pm. If anyone is interested, they can contact Brian at allthewaiser@gmail.com.

Chrismons

We are working on the Crown this year. Jesus Christ is a King like no other – born humbly, to save us from our sin. If you are interested, 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.

LWML Cheerful Helpers

There will be an **LWML meeting on Sunday, September 14** in the Bible Classroom following Sunday School, to discuss the coming year and to elect officers; *please plan to attend!*

October 5th is LMWL Sunday; wear your purple!

LWML White Oak Zone Fall Rally at Our Savior Lutheran Sunday, October 5 @ 2pm

All are welcome -- join us for a light luncheon, prayer service, and a brief presentation from our LWML District Endowment Chair!

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 OSL Cheerful Helpers.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Birthday: _____



BLOOD DRIVE

Our Savior Lutheran

**Saturday, September 27
8:00 am - 12:30 pm
Bible Classroom**

**Successful donors will receive
a FREE pair of special edition
Gulf Coast Blood socks!**

**Contact Bill Prestwood
(713) 290-9087
sponsor code: 0245**



Appointments preferred. Walk-ins welcome.



Kenneth, blood donor



EAT. DRINK. BRING I.D.

**Share your
donation story**

**Connect with us on social media
@commitforlife | #commitforlife**

Memorials

The following memorials were given to the glory of God to
Forward Faithfully: Building for Our Future (unless
 otherwise noted) in loving memory of...

Valeria Dietrich (Cindy Wright's Mom)

Gary & Beverly Hintz

Monroe & Dorothy Kasper (Houston Coalition for Life)

Ethelene Marshall

George & Mary Sumner

Rob & Loretta Supercinski;

Justin, Danielle, Jase & Reid Kalisek

Nathan & Darla Winkelmann

Ernest H. Gessner, Jr.

Roger & Clarissa Worthing

Byron Martens

Roger & Clarissa Worthing

Virginia Mushinski

Dean & Barbara Mushinski (Cheerful Helpers)

Bob Wottrich

Gary & Beverly Hintz

Jim Nitsch

Lyle & Karen Schmidt

Gladys Young

Gene Zoch

Jim Nitsch

Missions

Lutherans in Africa – May Family

Jim Freudenstein

Africa – Wokoma

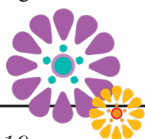
Laura Boyd

Women's Retreat Save the Date!

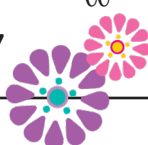
April 17-19, 2026

Would you like to help with preparations?

Contact Sarah in the church office!



713-290-9087



Luke Oliver Liang was baptized by Pastor Cholak on 8/1 in the
 NICU, here with parents Megan & Jordan Liang.

Membership Changes

June 16 — August 15

INCOMING —

TRANSFER IN:

Robert Duerr, Robin's father from Gethsemane Lutheran

BAPTISMS:

Oleh Andrew Cholak — July 6, 2025

Luke Oliver Liang — August 1, 2025

OUTGOING —

TRANSFER OUT:

John, Annette & Claire Coon to Zion Lutheran Church
 in Schulenberg, TX

DEATHS:

Byron Martens — June 24, 2025

Buddy McSpadden — July 13, 2025



THE
HOUSTON COALITION
FOR LIFE

&

40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

2025 Fall Campaign: September 24 — November 2

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

*Will you not watch one hour with me?
Matthew 26:40*



OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 30

7AM - 7PM

Contact Cindy Blake:
(832) 398-5303 cindyablake@yahoo.com

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!

"A fast of forty days is inspired by Sacred Scripture, especially by Jesus Christ Himself. The Gospel message calls us to conversion and to defend life. We must all work together to answer God's call. **This peaceful, 40 days fasting effort gives local Catholics ample opportunity to join with people of faith around the country in doing something significant to help put an end to abortion.** I encourage members of our local Church to participate in this important national event."

— Daniel Cardinal DiNardo

Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

"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

If you'd like to sign up or you'd like more information, please reach out to us!

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David Conner, Jr.
Ryan Derong
Bob McCharen
Brenda Page
Norbert Pietsch
Dorothy Worthing |
| 2 Jim Cezeaux
Quinn Main
Drew Manriquez
Donna Nalley | 13 Kevin Straker | 23 Ethan Ginn
Rylee Whitfield |
| 3 Gary Hintz | 14 Adam Dilley
Maxon Dilley
Abigail Frazier
Natalie Rose
Caden Williams | 24 Ambrose Kauffman
Marc Shannon |
| 4 Jeff Armstrong
Helen Borgstedte
Hanna Hall
Aiden Kleb
Paige Lawder
Darin Neal
John Thoeke | 15 Anna Wood | 25 Carol Fritsche
Pam Gavin |
| 5 Taylor Mushinski
Gillian Wagner-Main | 16 Nabila Foty
Berkeley Hebert
Heidi Nitsch | 26 George Baughman
Doug Mushinski |
| 6 Charlotte Collins
Loretta Manriquez
Manny Muguerza
Victoria Noack | 17 Mark Lazenby
Ken Tomchesson
Ron Wunderlich | 27 Amélie Boerger
Benjamin Grissom
Lydia Mushinski |
| 7 Lindie Mensik | 18 Sam Adams
Breann Alexander
Florence Boerger
Pat Smithson
Ashlynn Zorn | 28 Debra Carter
Charlotte Dellaughter
Debbie Derong
Terry Morgan II
Diana Stephens
Kim Wulf |
| 8 Lillian Noble | 19 Jo Lynn Conner
Matthew Daniel
Luna Robison | 29 Mateo Kotico
Hadley Petree
Rene Shipes |
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Jules Crook
George Sumner | 20 Jill Harvey
Ruth Pietsch
Malynda Tannert | 30 Cathy Byers
Ethel Hikal |
| 10 Malachai Young
Brenda Zorn | 21 Robin Duerr
Beth Prestwood | |
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Aaron Hervey
Louise Petree
Audie Pugh
Randall Tannert | | |

September Birthdays

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Bible Classes at 8:15 & 10:45am

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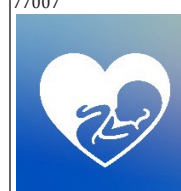


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Church Office Hours:
Monday-Thursday: 8 am-5 pm
Fridays: 8 am-4 pm

SEPTEMBER

2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 8:15am Bible Class 8:15am Confirmation Class-YR 9:30am Matins - Pugh Baptism 10:45am Sunday School 12:00pm Fellowship Meeting - BC	1 Church Office Closed Labor Day 	2 6:30pm Stitches Fellowship Group - FR 7:00pm Church Council-BC	3 6:30am Men's Bible Study-BC 8:15am Chapel - Sanctuary 10:00am Bible Class-BC 12:00pm Bulletin Deadline 6:15pm Carillon Ringers 7:00pm Jubilate Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary	4 3:00pm Prayer Request printing deadline 4:30pm -5:30pm 7th Grade Volleyball-Gym 6:00pm Lutheran Confessions Bible Study Group-BC 7:00pm Word Web Bible Study-Zoom	5	6 8:30am Men Alive-BC  MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST 11:00am Bon Appétit
7 8:15am Bible Class 9:30am Matins 10:45am Sunday School 12:00pm Evangelism Meeting - EO 12:00pm Exultae Brass-Choir Rm 12:00pm Sr Youth Meeting-YR 5:00pm Church Volleyball League 	8 9:00am Joseph's Guild of Colors-LWML 6:00pm Young Adults Bible Study-YR 6:30pm LWML Potter's Vessel-FR 7:00pm Life with God-New Member Class - BC 	9 8:30am Braille 6:30pm Stitches Fellowship Group - FR 6:30pm Trustees-Maintenance Bldg. 7:00pm Parish Ed mtg-YR	10 6:30am Men's Bible Study-BC 8:15am Chapel - Sanctuary 10:00am Bible Class-BC 12:00pm Bulletin Deadline 6:15pm Carillon Ringers 7:00pm Jubilate Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary	11 Patriot Day 3:00pm Prayer Request printing deadline 7:00pm Word Web Bible Study-Zoom 	12 9:00am Joseph's Guild of Colors-LWML 7:00pm OSL Astronomy Club-C102	13 10:00am GEMS YOUth in Mission-LWML Group-YR 
14 8:15am Bible Class 8:15am Confirmation Class-YR 9:30am Communion 10:45am Sunday School 12:00pm Laudate-Choir Rm 12:00pm LWML Cheerful Helpers Meeting-BC 5:00pm Church Volleyball League	15  Newsletter Deadline 6:00pm Young Adults Bible Study-YR 7:00pm Life with God-New Member Class - BC 	16 6:30pm Stitches Fellowship Group - FR 7:00pm Elders mtg-BC 7:00pm LWML Night Circle-FR	17 6:30am Men's Bible Study-BC 8:15am Chapel - Sanctuary 10:00am Bible Class-BC 12:00pm Bulletin Deadline	18 3:00pm Prayer Request printing deadline 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	19	20 8:00am - 11:00am Run & Walk for Life St. Theresa/Memorial Park, 6622 Haskell, 77007 
21 8:15am Bible Class 8:15am Confirmation Class-YR 9:30am Matins 10:30am Baked Potato Fundraiser - 8th Grade 10:45am Sunday School 12:00pm Cantate-Choir Rm 12:00pm Life Team Meeting-BC 5:00pm Church Volleyball League	22 First Day of Autumn 6:00pm Young Adults Bible Study-YR 7:00pm Life with God-New Member Class - BC  	23 6:30pm Stitches Fellowship Group - FR	24 6:30am Men's Bible Study-BC 8:15am Chapel - Sanctuary 10:00am Bible Class-BC 12:00pm Bulletin Deadline	25 3:00pm Prayer Request printing deadline 6:15pm Carillon Ringers 7:00pm Jubilate Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary 7:00pm Word Web Bible Study-Zoom	26	27 7:00am Blood Drive at OSL - BC 
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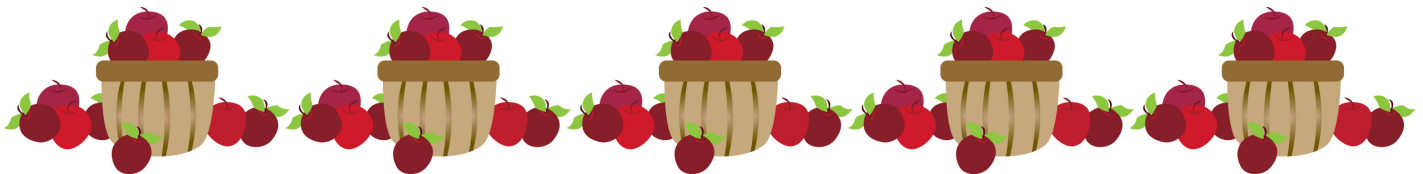
A=Gym/Cafeteria; B=Early Childhood; C=Classrooms; BC=Bible Class; EO=Evangelism Office; FR=Family Rm; YR=Youth Rm; *Italics=not OSL*

Those To Serve:



SEPTEMBER 2025

Acolytes	09/07/25	9:30 AM	George Baughman / Sophia Williams
Carts	09/07/25	9:30 AM	Adams Team
Elders	09/07/25	9:30 AM	Chuck Hall / Scott Nitsch / Shaun Downie / Karl Baughman
Evangelism	09/07/25	9:30 AM	Team 5: Malson
Greeters	09/07/25	9:30 AM	TEAM 10: Schmidt / Stuhr
Sound	09/07/25	9:30 AM	Greenwood
Ushers	09/07/25	9:30 AM	Gobrogge Team
Acolytes	09/14/25	9:30 AM	Austin Pugh / Prynce Willis
Altar Guild	09/14/25	9:30 AM	Jeanene Lunsford Team
Carts	09/14/25	9:30 AM	Pampell Team
Comm Asst.	09/14/25	9:30 AM	Chuck Hall / Scott Nitsch / Shaun Downie / Karl Baughman
Elders	09/14/25	9:30 AM	Chuck Hall / Scott Nitsch / Shaun Downie / Karl Baughman
Evangelism	09/14/25	9:30 AM	Team 4: O'Neill / Schmidt
Greeters	09/14/25	9:30 AM	TEAM 1: Carter/Malsons
Sound	09/14/25	9:30 AM	T. Wilbanks
Ushers	09/14/25	9:30 AM	Symcox Team
Acolytes	09/21/25	9:30 AM	Anna Daniel / Stella Halbert
Carts	09/21/25	9:30 AM	Downie Team
Elders	09/21/25	9:30 AM	Chuck Hall / Scott Nitsch / Shaun Downie / Karl Baughman
Evangelism	09/21/25	9:30 AM	Team 1: Nino
Greeters	09/21/25	9:30 AM	TEAM 2: Renevier
Sound	09/21/25	9:30 AM	Whiting
Ushers	09/21/25	9:30 AM	Halbert Team
Acolytes	09/28/25	9:30 AM	Brynn Burttschell / William Garcia
Altar Guild	09/28/25	9:30 AM	Clarissa Worthing Team
Carts	09/28/25	9:30 AM	Kriegel Team
Comm Asst.	09/28/25	9:30 AM	Chuck Hall / Scott Nitsch / Shaun Downie / Karl Baughman
Elders	09/28/25	9:30 AM	Chuck Hall / Scott Nitsch / Shaun Downie / Karl Baughman
Evangelism	09/28/25	9:30 AM	Team 2: Stuhr
Greeters	09/28/25	9:30 AM	TEAM 3: Cherington / Guevara
Sound	09/28/25	9:30 AM	Witt
Ushers	09/28/25	9:30 AM	Downie Team



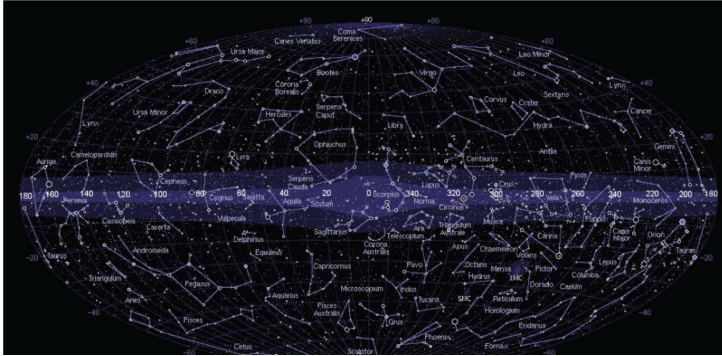


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Friday, September 12
7:00 pm - Science Lab room

Join us as we explore the vast depths of God's creation as we look to the stars. From constellations to planets, we will get a close look at deep space.



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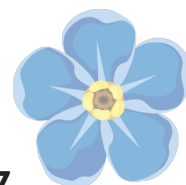
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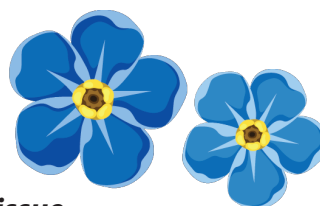
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