

OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Mission Statement

"Bringing Christ
to the people
and the people
to Christ"

Sunday Schedule

8:15 a.m. ~ English Worship
9:15 a.m. ~ Sunday School
10:30 a.m. ~ Traditional Worship Services
10:30 a.m. ~ Praise Worship Service



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Dear Friends in Christ,

The last Sunday of this month, October 30, is the day that we celebrate as Reformation Sunday. It is the day on which we remember the Protestant Reformation, which marked the beginning of the Lutheran Church. It is a day to celebrate being Lutheran.

Let me take a few moments and reflect with you on what it means to be Lutheran. Entire books have been written on this topic, so I can by no means say everything. But I'd like to point out 4 important things.

First, to be Lutheran is to be first and foremost a Christian. Lutheranism isn't an exclusive club that rejects all other denominations. We are Christians first and foremost who are called to be open to and accepting of all our brothers and sisters who confess Jesus as Lord.

I was told once by a Catholic priest that I am a Christian of the Lutheran persuasion. I like that. I consider myself to be a Christian who understands his faith through the insights of Lutheranism. To be Lutheran is to be Christian.

Second, to be Lutheran is to be firmly centered on the fact that we are given life by God's grace given to us in Jesus Christ. The Lutheran Church began with the emphasis that salvation is given solely by God's grace. That is the heart of what the Lutheran Church is about. We are forgiven, we are made right with God, we are given life, not by anything we do, but by God's saving actions in the cross and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Lutherans have an important contribution to make here to the whole Church, and that is to remind the Church again and again that we are saved only through faith in Christ. At times the Church has lost sight of this. At times it has been proclaimed that we are saved by our own works. At times it has been proclaimed that Christ is not the only way of salvation. But the New Testament is clear. Salvation is a free gift given to us in Christ (Romans 6:23). God doesn't save us because we are worthy. Rather, in His mercy God has chosen to save us in spite of our unworthiness. That, according to St. Paul, is the Gospel. We are justified solely by faith in Jesus Christ (Galatians 2:16).

Third, to be Lutheran is to emphasize the importance of the Word of God. The Lutheran Reformers considered God's Word in Scripture to be of central importance for the Church. In fact, the Word of God is the foundation of the Church, and all Christians can read that Word in the Bible. It is that Word that calls us into new life and hope. It is the Word of God that directs all of life.

Fourth, to be Lutheran is to share in a rich heritage. We have a rich heritage of worship, of music, of theology, of outreach. In the 500 years of the Lutheran Church, Lutherans have made important contributions to Christianity and to society. Lutherans such as Johann Sebastian Bach, Albert Schweitzer, and Dietrich Bonhoeffer have had a major impact on the world. Likewise the Lutheran Church as a whole has been active in outreach and mission work, sharing the Gospel and seeking to do God's will throughout the world. To be Lutheran is to be part of this ongoing effort.

As Lutherans we have a rich heritage. And again, the real richness of our heritage is the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the proclamation that God comes to us in Jesus. As we celebrate Reformation Sunday, let's rejoice in that incredible gift.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Mark

OUR SAVIOUR'S YOUTH



Hope you all enjoyed the first youth group meeting. Suggestions for events for the rest of the year are welcome. If you did not find all the pictures and have questions, just find Karen Braaten and ask her about them.

ZIPPIDY-DOODA (October 9th) Yes, we will be going on the highest **ZIP wire** in Texas. It is at least 3 ½ times taller than Lutherhill. We will be carpooling on Sunday October 9th, after a quick lunch at the church. We get 6 ZIPS and the cost to you is only \$20. The youth group will underwrite the remainder. You are most welcome to invite friends (we encourage it). We have to have a minimum number so please have the non-refundable \$20 to Karen Braaten by Oct 2nd.

BIBLE STUDIES: We will once again be doing our **Weekly Bible Studies**. We are looking to have a 6-week series of dinners and Bible Study. Beginning on Sunday evening, October 16, we will meet at the church for dinner at 6:00. After dinner Blaine Davis will lead us in a Bible Study. This has been great fun in previous years; we are looking forward to this again this year.

We would love to have parents supply meals again prior to the study. The meals will be at 6 pm followed immediately by the study and finishing up about 7:30 pm. We will only be doing a fall study as spring seems to interrupt too many schedules. So we will need meals on the following weeks. If you can help, please email Karen (momism101@hotmail.com) to sign up for a specific Sunday evening's meal.

- October 16
- October 23
- October 29...Note: we do not need a meal

- November 6
- November 13
- November 20

HAUNTED TRAIL: Saturday October 29th, we will meet at the church for a Bible Study and carpool to the Thompsons for their annual Haunted Trail. The Youth group will supply the hotdogs, buns and beans. The Thompsons spend months preparing for this and we would like to go support their efforts. Dress in costumes and if you would like to help in scaring people on the trail, let us know.

CONFIRMATION: We will celebrate the Confirmation of two of our young people on Sunday, October 30th at 10:30. The two being confirmed are Kylie Montgomery and Courtney Henriksen. Please keep these students in your prayers as we look to their confirmation.

We will only have one 10:30 worship service on this day.

WE ARE GETTING AN INTERN!

The Church Council voted at their September meeting to call Cindy Bisser to serve a one year internship here at Our Saviour's. Cindy is a second year student at Nashotah House Seminary in Wisconsin and will begin her work with us in January 2012. Keep Cindy in your prayers as she looks to her year of internship!



Cindy Bisser (lower right) meeting with some of the ladies of the church

Worship Server's Schedule

	October					November
	1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday	5th Sunday	1st Sunday
	2-Oct	9-Oct	16-Oct	23-Oct	30-Oct	6-Nov
Altar Guild	Jan Moch Audrey Cameron Stacy Storkson Carol Pattings	Carol Latter Gloria Duke Helen Seibert	Carol Latter Nancy Burke Nancy Cox Gloria Duke Kathy Wallace	Jan Coke Dixie Buchanan Kimberly Roan Michelle Smith Jordan Smith	Jana Coke Carol Lattier Jan Moch	Jan Moch Audrey Cameron Stacy Storkson Carol Pattings
Council of the Week	Blain Davis	Cheryl Pontious	Travis Snyder	Joe Coke	Roger Nygaard	Linda Boyum
Greeters	John Grant Kathleen Grant	Olin Hartley Claudia Hartley	Cliff Dengerud Sally Dengerud	Jim Anthony Janet Anthony	Dale Boxberger Liz Boxberger	Nancy Burke Linda Erickson
Early Service in the Sanctuary						
Ushers	Helen Seibert Andy Seibert Donna Bowers	Jeff Thompson Andrea Thompson Dian Dodd	Paul Fleck Joan Fleck Andrea Thompson	Joe Coke Jeff Thompson Jana Coke	Helen Siebert Andy Siebert Donna Bowers	Paul Fleck Joan Fleck Dian Dodd
Praise & Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall						
Lay Ministry Coordinator	Ed Lattier	Cheryl Pontious	Richard Eck	Carl Collins	Ed Lattier	Cheryl Pontious
Ushers	Carl Collins Richard Eck Hannah Williams Carol Lattier	Ed Lattier Cody Coble Sara Walsh Lori Sartor Pam Williams	Ken Pontious Mike Hubbard Hannah Williams Karen Montgomery Ed Lattier	Carl Collins Courtney Henriksen Sara Walsh Gloria Duke Carol Lattier	Richard Eck Ken Pontious Hannah Williams Sharon Hubbard Joyce Crawford	Ed Lattier Adam Williams Sara Walsh Kristi LeRoy Jill Coble
Communion Assistant	Valarie Collins					
Traditional Service in the Sanctuary						
Lay Ministry Coordinator	Nancy Cox	Kathleen Grant	Holly Rhea	Gary Boyum	Kathleen Grant	Carol Lattier
Acolyte	Adrianna Howard	Mark McIntyre	K&G Storkson	Kayla Featherston	Adrianna Howard	Mark McIntyre
Ushers	Linda Erickson Ed Siefert	Jim Anthony Janet Anthony	Robert Henriksen Courtney Henriksen	Lynda Erickson Ed Seifert	Mike Duplechin Jordan Duplechin	Roger Nygaard Jean Nygaard
Reader	Roger Nygaard	Bob Erickson	Stacy Storkson	Liz Boxberger	David Beall	Sara Lyles
Communion Assistants	Dee Mills Don Watson Linda Watson		Ed Seifert Barry Purrington Carol Latter		Jean Nygaard Audrey Cameron Dee Miles	Jan Moch Rev. Bud Pearson Bill Hebb
Sound Technician	Nick Montgomery	Adam Williams	Nick Montgomery	Jesse Duplechin	Adam Williams	Jesse Duplechin

PLEASE NOTE: If you cannot serve in your scheduled worship service position, please find a substitute so that the position is filled. Then call the office (903-561-1865) so the right server can be shown on that week's bulletin. If you are planning a vacation and know you will be gone during a specific time, please let Kathleen Grant (903-561-3395) know and you will not be scheduled and will be saved the trouble of finding a substitute.

STEWARDSHIP

I got my love of cooking from my Mother and she from my Grandmother. Years ago when I could just barely see over the counter I remember my mother pouring flour from a ten-pound bag into a large mason jar where she kept it. I remember thinking that flour is never going to fit into that little jar. But she would slap the side of the jar and tap the bottom until finally every bit went in.

I can't help but think of my mother when I read the text of Luke 6:38: "Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap, for the measure you give will be the measure you get back"

I love the picture it paints of God trying to get every blessing possible into our "mason jar"; tapping the sides, tapping the bottom, and smiling the whole while as he pours out blessings.

On October 9th we will kick-off our 2012 Stewardship Drive. Talented and dedicated parishioners will provide temple talks and share some of their love of the church and its people; we will include inserts in our bulletins during this time for your enjoyment and education;

and we will send you out a couple of letters for you to consider and pray over. All of this will be with the sole idea of allowing each family time and inspiration to prayerfully consider their 2012 involvement with Our Saviour.

Then on November 13th we will all, adults and children, have a chance to celebrate the Stewardship Ingathering.

Between now and November 13th, we ask that you prayerfully consider your gifts and tithes of your time, your skills and your money to the church for 2012. We all know that when we bring God and prayer into any decisions we make, then we make good decisions. Whatever you and God agree is the right level of giving will, indeed, be the right level of giving for you and your family..

O God, you promise to be with me always, and yet I sometimes forget that you are present, walking beside me; guiding my steps; leading me forward. When I think that I am on my own, draw near. When I know that I am lost, allow me to feel your presence. I ask your forgiveness for I am easily led astray. Show me the path to a deeper relationship with you. Amen.

GARAGE SALE ~ Saturday, October 1st. DON'T MISS IT!!

Our Saviour's will have our 3rd annual Garage Sale on Saturday, October 1st, beginning at 8 am and lasting until 2 pm. If we have as great a collection of items as we had last year (...and there's no reason to think that we won't) you will be able to find many wonderful things that you simply cannot do without.

In addition to the tons of wonderful Garage Sale items we will have, we will also have the following booths at the Garage Sale:

- Bake Sale—sponsored by the Lutheran Church Women (LCW)...and you KNOW how good Lutheran Church Women can bake!
- Boutique—sponsored by the Quilters/LCW/Women of OSLC.
- Raffle—sponsored by the Quilters. The quilts will raffle two baby quilts. The quilts have been on-display in the Narthex for the last month and are beautiful. The tickets sell for \$1.00 each, 6 for \$5.00 and 13 for \$10.00.

WELCOME TO OUR SAVIOUR'S - ORIENTATION SESSIONS

On Sunday, October 2, we will offer a "Welcome to Our Saviour's" class. This is both for people who would like to join the congregation, and for people who would just like more information about Our Saviour's and Lutheranism. We will gather at 11:45 for a short lunch (provided by the congregation!), then we will spend about an hour in orientation. Please come and bring your questions! Call the church office for more details.



NEW AND ONGOING BIBLE STUDIES

BIBLE STUDY ON GALATIANS

We have a new Bible study starting up this month. Jim Pearson will be leading a 6-week study on the book of Galatians. It will meet on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm. The first session is Tuesday, October 11th. Come and study this special book in the Bible!

MARK ON MARK

Our Adult Sunday School class is sharing in a study on the Gospel of Mark. Pastor Mark is leading it; it meets on Sunday mornings from 9:15 am until 10:15am in the fellowship hall. Come and bring your Bibles as we explore this fascinating second Gospel!

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The Thursday Morning Bible Study that had been studying the upcoming weekly readings is now studying the Book of Revelation. This study will be led by Barry Purrington and will be ongoing through most of this year. There is always room for one more.

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

Our High School youth will begin their fall Bible studies on Sunday October 16th. They will be led by Blaine Davis. All High School youth are invited, and bringing a friend is encouraged.



NEW GENERAL SECRETARY—The Rev. Mark C. Chavez, director of Lutheran CORE, has accepted a call to serve as General Secretary of the NALC. The General Secretary functions as the chief operating officer

(COO), managing its day-to-day administrative functions. Bishop Bradosky served as the NALC's first General Secretary before being elected as the Bishop.

"I am honored to be asked by Bishop Bradosky and to be called by the Executive Council to serve as General Secretary of the North American Lutheran Church. I pray that our Lord will help and guide me to serve in that office faithfully and capably," Pastor Chavez said. "The NALC's growth in its first year was exciting and encouraging to watch. It is especially encouraging to see the NALC become what was envisioned and hoped for it — a Lutheran church that is truly Christ-centered, mission-driven, traditionally-grounded and congregationally-focused,"

(For those of you with good memories, Pastor Chavez was the CORE representative who visited with us and discussed the possible options we had when we were deciding what steps we could take during our 2009 discussions about Our Saviour's future national affiliations. He is a good friend of Our Saviour's, a dear friend to Pastor Mark, and is the person who originally nominated me to the Executive Council. There was widespread rejoicing on the Executive Council when we heard that he had agreed to accept our call to become our next General Secretary. We are blessed. ~ Carol)

NALC VISITS THE VATICAN—Bishop John Bradosky, our newly elected bishop,

together with Bishop Emeritus Paull Spring, and Pastor David Wendel, chair of the NALC Ecu-
menical Relations Committee traveled to Rome,
Italy, the last week in September for a meeting
and conversation at the Roman Catholic Pontifi-
cal Council for the Promotion of Christian Unity
(PCPCU).

The meeting provided an opportunity for these
NALC representatives to discuss the changing
landscape of Lutheranism in North America, to
introduce the newly organized NALC, and to
consider what forms of shared ministry may be
possible with the international Catholic church,
especially in the areas of historic biblical under-
standing of human sexuality, marriage and fami-
ly

WORSHIP SERVER SCHEDULEING

Due to her Mother’s illness, Linda Boyum isn’t
able to continue scheduling the Sunday
Worship Servers. For now, Kathleen Grant will
be scheduling the Traditional Services and Carol
Lattier will be scheduling the Praise Service.
You can reach Kathleen at 903-561-3395 and
Carol at the office, 903-561-1865.

NOTE FROM THE SCHEDULERS: HELP, PLEASE!

We need more worship servers. The positions
include Lay Ministry Coordinators, Greeters,
Acolytes, Ushers, Readers, Communion Assis-
tants and Sound Technicians (particularly Sound
Technicians!). If you would like to be a part of
any of these functions, please call Kathleen or
Carol.

Training for these positions will be available to
those people interested in serving. We welcome
boys and girls, men and women, teens and
adults; and we can schedule you at a time that
is convenient for you.

None of the positions are hard to do. They
simply require that you be willing to serve your
family of parishioners.

We are particularly in need of Sound Techni-
cians. You need to be a teen or an adult. We
will train you and we hope to have a training
session this month. Please call to get your name
on the list. Thank you so much.

SAVING 15 FUND RAISER

Thank you to everyone who gave their time,
energy, prayers, and money to the "Saving 15"
program! We received a total of
\$2,000.00! Lubens Romulus, the director of The
Abundant Life Orphanage, said (very ecstatically)
that he will use it to pay a year's school tuition in
advance for all 15 kids! This will help a lot
because the school feeds them and has clean
water. The surplus donations will be spent on
food. The temporary families may be able to
keep them another year with the financial
burden relieved. We are deeply touched and
happy that so many people gave!!!

A special thanks goes out to the Braaten family,
Jill Beall, Karen Brown, Joyce Crawford, the
Destarac family, Gloria Duke, Joni Eggen, Karen
Ficken, Michelle Hollenbeck, Dr. Bill
Moore, Kimberly Roan, Lori Sartor, the Williams
family, and Wagner Voltaire. Your volunteer
work is a huge blessing to the kids in Haiti.

THE LAWN RANGERS...

A big “THANK YOU” to OSLC’s 2011 Lawn
Teams (The Lawn Rangers). These Team
Members have dedicated their time, sweat,
money, and blisters to help keep our lawns, trees,
and bushes trimmed and looking great in spite of
the hottest summer on record and our lack of
rain. Each of the following team members
deserves your personal “Thanks” when you see
them in church:

Cody Coble	Marvin Ford	Burl Peiser
Carl Collins	Ed Lattier	Mike Poythress
Jerry Dodd	Ryan McBryde	Andy Seibert
Richard Eck	Bruce Mont- gomery	Rebecca Smith

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“Order your soul; reduce your wants; live in chari-
ty; obey the laws; trust in Providence.”
-St. Augustine

TREASURER’S REPORT

At the close of August we were two-thirds of the
way through the year 2011. Our financial per-
formance is really good and is about what we
anticipated in the Budget.

Giving for the period was **\$183,000** or 67% of the
annual budget That's right on target. And
expenses for these eight months have been under
\$173,000 which represents only 62% of the
amount budgeted for the year. That puts us in a
really good position for this year!

We have had an extra \$18,000 available within
the expenses due to reduced cost for pastoral
staffing. Through August we have spent about
\$14,600 of this, with the largest single portion
being on the parking lot. The remaining \$3,400
will be needed to cover areas that go over their
planned budget and on unbudgeted expenses.
The Council and the membership has worked
diligently to control costs and have been frugal
enough to put \$10,000 into the Money Market
Account; and we have made NO draws from that
fund this year.

Keep up the good work, Our Saviours!

~ Thank you, Mary Thompson



During the month of October PATH
will be collecting peanut butter and
jelly. In addition, PATH also needs
your paper bags.

Coats for Kids—PATH is partnering
with some of Tyler’s finest drycleaner to get gently
used winter coats to children who need them (no
sweatshirts or jackets, please). New coats and
monetary donations for new coats are also accept-
ed. Look for the “PATH Coats for Kids-Collection
Site” poster in the windows. The Dry Cleaners
working with PATH are:

Dry Clean Super Cntr.	Regency Cleaners
Eagle Cleaners (Whitehouse)	West Gentry Dry Cleaners
Hart’s Cleaners	Shannon’s Cleaners
Lucky’s Cleaners	VIP Cleaners
Lindale Cleaners	The Cleaning Company

Looking ahead:

- November will be Christmas in the Neighbor-
hood
- December will be the Blanket Drive.
- January will be Souper Bowl Sunday

Bingo—Bingo is played on the second
Wednesday of each month at 2;30 pm at Azalea
Place Nursing and Rehab Center, 810 South
Porter Avenue. October 12th will be our next
visit with our friends at Azalea Place. See you
there!!

Our next meeting will be September 27th in the
Café at 11:30. If you are interested in learning
more about this active committee, please join us
in September.

QUILTING GROUP UPDATE

Mary Bymers reported that 59 quilts have been
completed since we last sent our quilts off to
Lutheran World Relief in April. There is usually
between 12-15 quilters that show up to help
with the ongoing project. The quilters meet at
9 am each Tuesday. SPECIAL REQUEST: Does
anyone have any gently used or new full flat
sheets that could be donated to our quilting
project? If you do, please put them in the
container in the hall across from the coke
machine. Many thanks to the members of OSLC
who have donated sheets and fabric.

**PLEASE NOTE: OUR COLLECTION BOXES ARE
NOW LOCATED IN THE HALL AREA CLOSE
TO THE COKE MACHINES.**

The next Social Ministry meeting will be on
October 25th at 11:30 in the Café area. Please
come and see how much fun we have working
for our brothers and sisters-in-Christ.

HELP WANTED-2 OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

1. We have a program to visit shut-ins that is
rich and rewarding. We would like 2-3 more
volunteers for this visitation ministry. Please
contact Pastor Mark.
2. Brad Carpenter needs visiting and needs help
with his walking rehab. Brad had a stroke
and is recuperating at home. If you have
time to visit or to help, please call the office.