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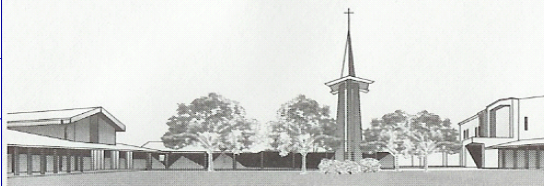
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Our Savior Lutheran Church Living Faith Center

### WORSHIP WITH US

Learning Luke Class 8:15 AM

Worship 9:30 AM

Communion is offered the 1st and 3rd Sundays of every month.

### SUMMER SUNDAY POTLUCK!

Bring a dish to share Sunday, July 25.

This is the time of year we worship together at one service and it's also our chance to get together for a meal. We'll eat together and enjoy each other's company after worship.



## OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN STAFF

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## Pastor's Notes

I write as we prepare to head off to our week of summer camp at Camp Chrysalis. I have been so impressed in my time here in Texas with the support that the Lutheran Churches –both LCMS and ELCA – give to the camping ministries. That includes our support and desire to send our own youth from Our Savior as well. The camps are well run and definitely are an important outreach ministry to our youth in helping them in their journey with Christ. We will share with you some of our experiences on Sunday the 27<sup>th</sup> after we get back. That usually in-

cludes a couple of camp songs and a few brief reflections from some of the youth. Keep us in your prayers until then. Also on the 27<sup>th</sup>, we will have our monthly Summer Potluck after worship service. It will be a brunch which should give you an idea of what types of foods to bring. The summer time is fun with the different rhythm of worship and ministry. The first Wednesday night "Jesus 'n Jeans" had two outside families with a handful of our own folks. It was an encouraging start to hopefully a ministry outreach that will grow by the Fall when we hope to add children's tutoring. I'm looking forward to an

extensive vacation time in a few weeks. You will be in good hands with Janet West and the other congregational leaders during my time away. May the rest of the summer be a Spirit-blessed time for you and those you love, as well as those you may not think that much of. The Kingdom of God has a way of reordering our thought process!

Pastor Steve

Home phone 956-631-0273

### A WORD ABOUT OUR FOOD MINISTRY

You may donate at any time toward boxes of food that we give to our needy families. Each box is \$30 and contains \$60-70 worth of groceries. We helped 8 families in June. Please note "Food Ministry" in the memo line. And thank you so much.



## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Healing:** Kristi Allen (Janet Young's daughter), Lena Doering, Donna Dwyer, Orlyn Johnson, Marley Pearson, Waldo Platte, Tim Smith, Eleanor Stapf, Joyce Tokkesdahl, Branch Zuniga. **Shut-Ins:** Gwen Preston. **Family Members:** Gerri Craig (Linda Todd's mom), Norm Frey, Ernie & Vi Greenwald, Doug Magnussen, Bob & Lorna Rainey, Kelli Travers. **Friends of Congregation:** Eric Donaldson, Diana Fugh, Cassie Hovland, Ila Howe, Rev. Richard Jensen (Mace Magnussen's cousin), Wyatt Anthony Kamp, Derek Keniston, Howard Lingg, Debbie Martin, Bruce Moilan, Janine Phillips, Roger Schnaible, Gloria Speck, John Stegall, Mike Taylor, Kelsey Tobola, Bob Wagg, Jon Young, Sylvia Zamora-Pena. **In military service:** Preston Atwood (grandson of Russ Sandry), Johnny Cannon, Tom Riesterer's grandson, Cody Crumpler (relative of the Todd's), Justin Garcia, David Lamborn (Jerry & Vicky Ervine's grandson), Sgt. Elizabeth Nyquist (Danny & Lydia Olsen's daughter), Bryan Phillips (Esther Olsen's grandson), Ramiro Sandoval (Burnhams' son); Brian Ruiz (cousin of Ruiz family), Michael Sanchez (Carol Todd's son), Tony Soderquist (nephew of Delaneys), and David Westfall (grandson of Gwen Preston).



## Celebrations!

**The Confirmation of Sasha Shourds was Sunday, May 23rd....**

**And the First Communion of Sam Beasley, Dillon Hernandez Day and Logan McLaughlin on June 6.**



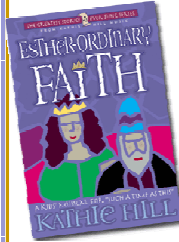
**Would you consider helping out with some of the special needs of our fellow members?** Maybe a ride, or household help, or pick up & delivery of food boxes, or a visit to someone who would like the company. See Vi Greenwald or Janet West.

## Bible Class

**LEARNING LUKE:** We'll learn how God calls the church into a new era of apostolic mission, seeking a richer understanding of what Luke's whole story means to each of us. Pastor Steve facilitates Sundays at 8:15am.

## SUMMER MUSIC AND ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS!!

**King Xerxes & Queen Esther's court will soon be in session.**



We'll meet Monday through Friday, August 3-13. Register on-line and pick up a pack of music so you will know the songs before SMAK starts. Let your friends know what's going on and bring them to Music Camp, too. The \$50 fee includes crafts and activities like swimming, as well as the musical production. Scholarships are available. It's only July, you say? August will be here in no time. **Come experience the testimony of Esther as she becomes queen through God's intervention!**

## JESUS 'N JEANS

Our new weekly ministry called Jesus 'n Jeans is underway and we are so pleased with the first turnout. This is our chance to build bridges, to reach out to our community at large, and to become a place of help and support for those around us.

We begin with our English lessons at 5:30 PM, followed by a community meal at 6:16 PM. We have 6 students in our English class at this time and pray that number will grow. After dinner we have a short worship service which is bi-lingual so that we are all learning.

In the fall we will add tutoring classes in reading and math before dinner. We have volunteers who are talking with the schools to see which students might need help. We will also add a "Kids Corner" during the worship time so the adults can worship and the kids can have other activities to keep them busy.

We need volunteers to help with English class, to read to the kids, to have dinner with us and worship with us. It is amazing the amount of energy and love that flows when we take down the barriers. Come any Wednesday and participate in this new and exciting ministry here at Our Savior. We had 7 kids at our first meeting, one family from VBE and one family from Listening Hands. God is good.

## Council Clips for June:

These notes are a highlight of items discussed at the most recent council meeting. They are not official minutes. The complete record will be available after they have been approved at the next council meeting. Council meetings and committee meetings are open to anyone interested in attending.

Our treasurer, Tom Riesterer reported that May's income was about equal to plan and our expenses were above plan by 4%. However, year-to-date we are 2% below plan on income and even on expenses as planned.

Pastor Steve and Janet West look forward to our new "Jesus and Jeans" ministry on Wednesday nights beginning June 16. This ministry will include English classes; tutoring for children; community meal; and bilingual worship experience.

Pastor Steve expressed an interest in Education and Worship committees to look into an earlier Rally Day than the Sunday after Labor Day. Pot Luck brunches are set for June 27, July 25 and August 22.

Suggestion was presented to have council members pictures displayed in narthex so members will know who is responsible for what areas. This will be accomplished this summer.

Motion passed to require all persons using the sound and projection systems to be fully trained and youth are to have adult supervision.

The next regularly scheduled council meeting is August 10 at 6:30 pm.



### Jottings from Janet

Who said these were the hazy lazy days of summer?? We have been busy and oh so blessed. Our VBE, which was my first experience here at Our Savior, was so great! I had the little ones and the love and excitement that flowed was wonderful. As we begin July we will slow down a bit as it is officially vacation month. No or very few meetings and rest! Or so they tell me.

God is so active here at Our Savior. He keeps opening doors and saying look what I have for you to do. I pray we will always answer his call as wonderfully as we have. It is exciting to have new ministries and to see our old ministries grow. I have been very impressed with our youth and their level of commitment and service. We have some wonderful potential leaders who I will keep after to explore their potential.

For me, one of the unexpected parts of my ministry is the opportunity to go to other churches and conduct worship. I will be in San Juan on the first Sunday in July to do communion. Pray for me as I have to do it in English and in Spanish. The first Sunday in August I will be in Harlingen to lead worship so Pastor Ryan can go on vacation. Pastor Steve and I have agreed that I would never go to another church more than once a month.

I continue to visit with those in the hospital, nursing homes, rehab centers and with those who are home bound. This is a very blessed part of my work and I ask you all to keep those who are sick or recovering in your prayers as well.

May your summer rest be beneficial and beautiful and may God bless you all the days of your lives.

In His Name, Janet

### BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Donnie Beasley
- 1 Chris Getschmann
- 1 Darold Walker
- 4 Lena Doering
- 4 Ruth Eckman
- 4 Karen Olson
- 7 Delia Curiel
- 7 Wendy Fowler
- 7 Ernie Greenwald
- 7 Patrick Hovland
- 7 John Klein
- 7 Jason Milligan
- 8 Verles Emry
- 8 Mildred Johnson
- 9 Duane Bagaus
- 10 Delia Oberloh
- 13 Gracie Flores
- 20 Ronnie Schuette
- 20 Alex VanHee
- 25 Twila Wiltse
- 27 Fred Varner
- 28 Sue Nielsen
- 29 Sally Matson
- 29 Sharon Walker
- 30 Judy Colbenson
- 31 Shirley Johnson

### July



### SADDLE RIDGE RANCH! Yee-Haw!



### ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 John & Teri Klein
- 3 Kurt & Pam Von Rosenberg
- 7 Gus & Mila Kolb
- 7 Gene & Sue Nielsen
- 13 Javier & Jeanne Fuentes
- 16 Richard & Wendy Fowler
- 19 Curt & Cindy Liljedahl
- 19 Bill & Irene Robinson
- 21 Sam & Michelle Milligan
- 30 Darrell & Leona Smith
- 30 Glen & Sally Vissering

Our youth presented a check for the VBE offering of \$237 to Estrella's House, a center for child abuse victims in Edinburg ↓



## SHARING AND CARING

**Every communion Sunday** we collect food for distribution to our neighbors in need. This month the items are **JULY 4: CANNED MEATS & TORTILLAS, and JULY 18: PINTO BEANS & RICE.** Any food is appreciated and needed. Sharing & Caring is a group open to everyone at Our Savior Lutheran Church. We'll begin meeting again this fall, but the ministries continue throughout the summer. Your help and support is greatly appreciated.

**PIECEMAKERS** We'll continue to meet this summer on Tuesdays from 9:00am to 11:30am..

### OSLC WELCOMES YOU!

Outreach has set up a new welcome center in the Narthex. You'll find Portals of Prayer, current newsletters, OSLC brochures, copies of "Faith Made a Difference," and special Welcome Home folders for visitors. To the left of this table you'll also find copies of council minutes and financial reports.

### Healing Services

Our Savior conducts Healing Services on the third Thursday of each month. The service is open to all who are in need of healing of any kind. This month on Thursday, July 15, join us for a special Service of Healing at 6:30 p.m.

### OSLC Dime Ministry:

Every dime we receive in change reminds of our tithes to God. Save the dimes you receive and bring them on the last Sunday of the month. The Dime Bear in the Narthex is the place to put them. For the 3rd quarter 2010 the dimes will be used to support the Wednesday Jesus 'N Jeans ministry. Thank you. And come break bread and worship on Wednesdays.



**DEAR FRIENDS,** Have you attended one wedding that was a "disaster" and another that was "fabulous?" Chances are that both had problems and neither went exactly as planned. Both likely had problems with the schedule, the weather, the band, the photographer, the caterer, guests who didn't show up and guests who drank too much.

The difference between "disaster" and "fabulous" was probably the attitude of the bride (and maybe her mother). If the bride saw it as a once-in-a-lifetime show and needed everything to be absolutely perfect, the imperfections could ruin her day and dampen her mood. On the other hand, if the bride saw the wedding as a joyous celebration of life and family and friends, her smiles and happiness overcame any problems.

All of life is like that. When we look for perfection in ourselves and others, we're going to be disappointed. This doesn't mean that we shouldn't do our very best every single day. What it does mean is that doing our very best isn't enough without the "attitude. There are things in life we just can't control. Life never fits itself into our expectations. If you see yourself as a perfectionist who needs every activity to be ideal, then change your attitude. Unless you do, you'll go through life unhappy, taking blame for things that were not under your control, and feeling like a failure for not meeting your own impossible standards.

Rather than "perfection," aim for great results, happy results! Great results come from making others feel welcome, cared for, valued, forgiven, loved, and truly accepted for who they are. In the end, people may not remember whether they were in a bowling alley or a grand hall. They may not remember decorations or music. They do remember how they felt when they got together. Seek to encourage life, love, and celebration, not perfection. We have so much to be grateful for!

*Letter from Jim Leahy, Chair of American Hotel Registry Co.*

*God is seen, Love is felt; Lives are changed.*

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