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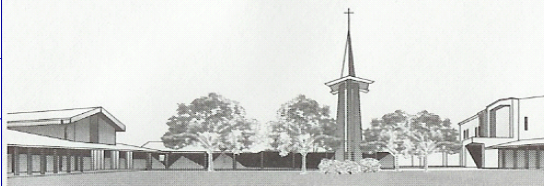
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Our Savior Lutheran Church *Living Faith Center*

WORSHIP WITH US

Learning Luke Class **8:15 AM**
Traditional Worship **9:30 AM**
Sunday School Classes **9:30 AM**
Contemporary Worship **11:00 AM**
Beginning May 23

Learning Luke Class **8:15 AM**
Worship **9:30 AM**

Communion will be offered the 2nd & 4th Sundays in May, the 9th and 23rd.



Coming Soon!

New OSLC sign!

OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN STAFF

MINISTERS	ALL PEOPLE OF OSLC
PASTOR	STEVEN HERZBERG
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Pastor's Notes

Contact Rudy Losoya at rlosoya2@rgv.rr.com, or his home 956-687-7839 or cell 956-605-0592.

Greetings this Easter Season! location on April 25th....
 Yes, we continue to celebrate Janet and I will be away, along with our Lord's Resurrection Rudy LaSoya and Carolanne Todd, throughout these 50 days leading up to Pentecost. at the Southwestern Texas Synod Assembly the first weekend in May.
 I begin with the sharing of resurrection news out of Trinity Lutheran Church in Mission. You will have the privilege of hearing Bishop Tiemann's sermon read on that Sunday – the same one that they have voted to call Jose he will preach at the Assembly. . . . Sustaita as their full-time minister. May 9th will be Mother's Day and a special presentation by the Bell on May 23rd in Austin and his Choir on Jonah. . . . May 16th will be installation at Trinity sometime the baptism on Dylan Hernandez at after that. . . . May 23rd will be news for our Valley congregations. . . . May 23rd will be the confirmation of Sasha Worley at one joint service at 9:30am. . . . May AIM Janet West served as the senior graduate recognition of Mackenzy Liljedahl and congregation for over a year. The a potluck for the whole congregation. . . . Trinity congregation will also dedicate their new building and That is a lot of resurrection news for

the month of May. And that doesn't include a likely First Communion Celebration for Logan McLaughlin, Dylan Hernandez, and Sam Beasley the first Sunday of June. May all of you be blessed as we head into the unusual month with scheduling and planning leading into the summer months and programs.

Pastor Steve
 Home phone 956-631-0273

Lutherans Love Fellowship

Confirmation Celebration: Join us after the service on May 23 for cake and coffee as we celebrate the confirmation of Sasha Shourds.

Potluck Lunch and Ice Cream Social: Bring a dish to share on May 30 and we'll have lunch together after the service in celebration of the high school graduation of Mackenzy Liljedahl.



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Healing: Kristi Allen (Janet Young's daughter), Lena Doering, Donna Dwyer, Ruth Eckman, Orlyn Johnson, Tim Smith, Eleanor Stapf, Joyce Tokkesdahl, Branch Zuniga. **Shut-Ins:** Gwen Preston. **Family Members:** Gerri Craig (Linda Todd's mom), Norm Frey, Ernie Greenwald, Gordon Hutchinson, Doug Magnussen, Bob & Lorna Rainey, Kelli Travers. **Friends of Congregation:** Evelyn Davidson, Eric Donaldson, Diana Fugh, Cassie Hovland, Ila Howe, Wyatt Anthony Kamp, Derek Keniston, Howard Lingg, Debbie Martin, Bruce Moilan, Janine Phillips, Greg Shartle, Dustin & Julie Shourds, Gloria Speck, John Stegall, Mike Taylor, Bob Wagg, Jon Young. **In military service:** Preston Atwood (grandson of Russ Sandry), 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).

Bible Classes

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. Class meets Sundays at 8:15am beginning May 9th. Pastor Steve will facilitate.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES are at 9:30 am in the LFC through May 16th.

CONFIRMATION CLASS meets Wednesdays at 5:30pm in the choir room.

THE GOSPEL OF MARK: Join Janet West in exploring the Gospel of Mark in a new and unique way as Dr. Phil Ruge-Jones acts out the entire Gospel on Wednesdays at 6:30pm in the Library.

THE LEARNING COMMITTEE will meet Thursday, May 6th at 6:30pm in the Friendship Room (choir room).

A big THANK YOU to all those that completed the Time and Talent survey. We had 110 surveys completed with updated information for our church records and your offers to serve Our Savior Lutheran Church.

And speaking of Time & Talent, THANK YOU to our faithful and handy property volunteers. Norm Frey built shelves for the pantry in the Parish Hall and Les Watkins helped install them. All of the filters in all of the many air conditioners have been changed thanks to Ralland Harrison and Jim Offerdahl (and Dave Askins). And Jim and Ralland replaced ballasts and put in new better lights in the Parish Hall. These kinds of jobs are essential and the work is much appreciated.



Council Clips for May:

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 March's income was greater than expenses and we have a good financial start of the year for our church. Audit committee report was given with several suggestions. Motion passed to change the capital outlay bank account to require two (2) authorized signatures for all checks.

Pastor Steve reported that average attendance for March was slightly greater last year. During the month of May our church will celebrate a confirmation, a baptism and a blessing of a graduate. First communion classes will begin in April for six weeks. RGV Conference will be 4/24/10 with Pastor, Janet, Carolanne and Rudy attending as delegates. Meeting is open to all members. SW Texas Synod Assembly will be May 1-2 in New Braunfels.

Janet continues work with Listening Hands as they provide English lessons and a breakfast and food pantry service. Janet will purchase a Rosetta Stone English courses for lessons as present instructor will be leaving for the summer.

A new sign for the church was approved by the council majority and Jim Offerdahl, Property, reported that work has begun on new sign to replace the sign on 12th Street. Lynne Watkins, Outreach, displayed the new folder for our first time visitors with a brochure about OSLC. Rayna Delaney, Stewardship, distributed lists of members that agreed to serve our church in different functions. Motion passed to allow Cinderella's Closet to use our church for a box-lunch fund raiser. Motion passed to allow Piecemakers to hold a quilt raffle next year as a fund raiser. The next regularly scheduled council meeting is May 11 at 6:30 pm.

Treasurers Report for 2010

January-March Quarter

This information reflects the first Quarter.

Income for 3 Months, 2010

Actual	\$95,025
Budgeted	\$94,811
Difference	(\$214) <u>Income same as planned</u>

Expenses for 3 Months, 2010

Actual	\$86,537
Budgeted	\$87,801 <u>Expense less than</u>
Difference	\$1,264 <u>plan by 1.5%</u>

General comments:

Income was about equal to planned levels.

Expenses were \$1,264 below plan or 1.5%

The net here-good results.

Thank you Audit Committee for your good work:

Vi Greenwald, Curt Liljedahl,

Jeannette Smith, & Fred Varner.

Mortgage balance is \$287,978.

Tom Riesterer, Treasurer



Jottings from Janet

It is hard to believe that another month has flown by and we have said good-bye to our Winter Texans for the summer. We pray you will have happy and healthy summers and come back to the valley safely. I always miss you when you have to go to your other homes and my heart sings when you come HOME to the Valley.

We give thanks to Ruth Bjork for her work with our Listening Hands moms. Ruth has been teaching a weekly English class to 3 or 4 of our moms all of whom just fell in love with her gentle teaching style. They are anxious to continue their studies and we are looking into the Rosetta Stone program for the next class. We need 1 or 2 computers and the program. If anyone has a computer they are no longer using please let me know. Once we get the program in place we would urge you to send us anyone you know who might like to or need to learn English. The object here is to provide the students with a good foundation in English so that they can have better jobs and earning power to provide for their families.

Our monthly Food Panty/Breakfast continues and the group is growing slowly. The object here is not to simply "hand out food" but to get to know the families and build bridges with them. This will allow us to better help them in other areas as well. Thanks to Sandy Huston and Betty Frey who took care of the Pantry on the 24th of April while I was at the RGV Conference meeting in Harlingen. Our mid-week Bible study returns to the Gospel of Mark as we watch and discuss the Gospel as presented in story form. All are welcome to join us on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM. Pastor and I have worked out a visitation schedule and it is going well. I love to go and visit and talk with our people. If you or someone you know needs a visit please let us know. I am also in the office on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday if you would like to come and visit with me.

Blessings to you all, Janet

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Greg Danielson
- 3 Sandy Bauer
- 3 Cindy Liljedahl
- 3 Esther Olsen
- 3 Korby Von Rosenberg
- 5 Kaleb Shourds
- 6 Shelby Haynes
- 6 Curt Liljedahl
- 7 Maddy Mann
- 9 Dave Askins
- 9 Betty Cooksley
- 11 Nora Newman
- 13 Marge Varner
- 17 Amanda Sandoval
- 17 Nickolas VanHee
- 19 Mackenzy Liljedahl
- 20 Lois Harrison
- 22 Vi Greenwald
- 22 Ramsey Reyes
- 23 Earline Dirickson
- 25 Charles Schuette
- 29 Bill Robinson



ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Robert & Dawn Garcia
- 6 Hal & Sandy Schultz
- 9 Dave & Sally Askins
- 9 Charles & Mary Hopkins
- 13 Virgil & Rose Mullins
- 20 Bob & Sandy Bauer
- 28 Harold & Nora Newman
- 29 Les & Lynne Watkins
- 31 Bill & Verles Emry



Cinderella's Closet

Rio Grande Valley

Cinderella's Closet provides formal wear to girls who could not otherwise afford to attend their prom. Through donations of new and gently used formal dresses and accessories, we are able to turn dresses into

dreams for Junior and Senior high school girls who are referred to our organization by their school counselor, community organization, social care agency, or clergy. We strive to promote self esteem and confidence in these young women while providing an unforgettable experience. We are new in the RGV, as well as a new ministry at Our Savior Lutheran, and will open for one weekend in the spring of 2011.

Cinderella's Closet is having a Boxed Lunch Sale on Friday, May 21 and the cost is \$7.00/lunch. Order forms may be turned into Kim Beasley or at the church office. Deadline for orders is May 18. Proceeds will be utilized to purchase garment racks and plus sized dresses that are not donated in the quantity we need. We also will need some volunteers that Friday morning from 8am to 1pm or so, to help assemble box lunches and also to help drive for our delivery option of 10 or more lunch orders. More info on order form available in the Narthex, or please see Kim Beasley, Dawn Everson, Carol Todd, or Linda Todd. Thanks so much for your support!

Lutheran Church Youth Group

Lutherans Out Seeking the Truth (L.O.S.T.) collected donations at their church on Souper Bowl Sunday. *Souper Bowl of Caring* is a national day of giving for church youth groups around the nation to collect donations and give the donations to an organization of their choice. L.O.S.T. youth group (grades 6-12) chose to give half of the donations to Women Together and the other half to Haiti Relief efforts.



Our Savior Lutheran Church Youth Group pictured here with Ms. E. DeAnda, Mujeres Unidas Agency Executive Director. (Ms. DeAnda at far left end of group)

Our Savior Lutheran Church at 1105 Fern, McAllen, Texas 78501
Dawn Everson, Youth Director



SHARING AND CARING

Every communion Sunday we collect food for distribution to Las Milpas Colonia near the border on the US side or a Colonia in Reynosa: **May 9-Peanut Butter & Tortillas, and on May 23-Jello & Fruit Cocktail.** Any food is appreciated and needed. Sharing & Caring is a group open to everyone at Our Savior Lutheran Church. We meet once a month to discuss projects and ideas. Our next meeting is Thursday, May 6, at 6:00pm in the Parish Hall. Your help in any way is appreciated by our group and the people we serve. It is more rewarding than you can imagine to serve others.

SHOES FOR CHILDREN: Sharing and Caring would like to help Cristo Rey Lutheran put shoes on Las Milpas school children. If you have slightly used (maybe your grandkid's outgrown) or new shoes, please bring them this fall or winter. These children need them to attend school.

PIECEMAKERS Though some of our quilters are heading north, we'll continue meeting every Tuesday from 9:00am to 3:30pm. If you would like to help make the quilts to be given to needy folks, join us and bring your lunch. Can't stay for the whole time? Come when you can, leave when you must.



HOMBRES (Helping Our Men Be Responsible Examples Spiritually) built 3 bench swings! One of these will be donated to a nursing home in Mission. The other 2 will stay here at Our Savior.

HOMBRES will meet for dinner & fellowship on Thursday, May 13 at 6:30pm in the home of Pastor Steve. All men are welcome.



Our Savior Lutheran Church Healing Services

Our Savior conducts Healing Services on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM. The service is open to all who are in need of healing of any kind. We believe that all people need healing of some kind and that our services provide a more intimate surrounding to share our needs for healing. We offer two types of services: 1) a service in which we have laying on of hands and anointing, prayer, and communion; and 2) a service we call our Faith Journey which is a service where we hear scripture, some faith story or song, share our own stories if we so choose and close with prayer and communion. All are welcome and YOU are invited. Participate as much as you want to or just enjoy the quiet time with us.

L.O.S.T.EVENTS

May 1st (Saturday)- Rush of Fools concert at Holy Splendor Church in Alamo. Tickets are \$10. Talk to Dawn immediately. We will meet at the church and carpool to concert - times will follow. This will be in place of May 2nd meeting time.

Sunday, May 16th, 5:00-7:00 - Meet at church to plan May 30th Youth Service.

Friday/Saturday, June 4 - End of School year lock-in. Details to follow!

OSLC Dime Ministry:

Every dime we receive in change reminds of our tithes to God. The dimes from the 2nd quarter of 2010 will help support the HOMBRES in their missions. 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. Thank you.

OSLC FOOD MINISTRY THANK YOU to those who have donated funds for food. 5 families were helped with groceries in April.

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

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