

Our Savior Lutheran Church

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Our Savior Lutheran Church

*1105 W. Fern Ave.
McAllen, TX 78501*

Worship with us every Sunday.

Worship on Sundays at 9:30am and at 11am. We also invite everyone to worship with us online. You can watch Sunday's service on our Facebook page (Our Savior McAllen—ELCA), and on our YouTube page. (You can find us by searching for 'Our Savior Lutheran Church McAllen').

Please stay tuned for further updates .

Our Savior Lutheran Staff:

Ministers	All People of OSLC
Pastor	Steve Herzberg
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Stewardship	Zane Juncker
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At Large	Larry Wilson

Pastor's Newsletter Article

Christmas has set upon us once again. It is the night and morning of our Savior's birth. Even the angels sing its glory. O come, let us worship Him. Let us join the shepherds and all those whose voices are normally silenced to speak out for all of God's creation. As the 12 days of Christmas pass, we enter the season of Epiphany on Friday, January 6th—known as the Day of the Three Kings in this part of the world. Again, let us come to worship Him with the wise men from afar. Let us offer Him the gifts of our lives...Highlights of the month include the piecemakers' quilt blessings on the 8th, the Annual Congregational Meeting on the 15th, the Polka service on the 22nd, and the Garage Sale on the 27th and 28th. O come, let us work and serve...We want to extend a hearty welcome to our new members received on Dec. 18th—Arnie and Mem Fichtenberg; Larry and Julie Cochlin, Glen Sitz; Nicole Hernandez; and the Rutledge family—Brian, Beatriz, Benjamin, and Bianca. It is a joy to have you join our congregation during this special time of year. May our many years together be years of joy, blessing, and God's grace ...On behalf of the staff, I want to thank all of you for the wonderful gift of money you presented each of us at the end of the year. Your gifts of time, talent and treasures on behalf of the whole congregation during 2022 have allowed us to reach out in many ways to the community around us. May we continue this in 2023. Guess it doesn't also hurt to wish all of you a blessed and prosperous year ahead—another year to come and worship Christ our King!

Pastor Steve

DINNER AND A MOVIE!

Sign up for dinner and a movie in the narthex. Join us **Tuesday, January 3rd** at 5:45pm at Jason's Deli, 4100 N 2nd Street, McAllen. Join us at 7pm in the Sanctuary for the Movie, "Lifemark".

David's comfortable world is turned upside down when his birthmother unexpectedly reaches out to him, longing to meet the 18-year-old son she's only held once.



With the encouragement of his adoptive parents, David embarks on a journey of discovery that leads to a staggering truth from his past. From executive producers Kirk Cameron and the Kendrick brothers—creators of War Room and Fireproof—comes Lifemark, Inspired by an incredible true story that celebrates the gift of life.

SCRIP INFORMATION

Scrip orders will be placed on 1/15 for delivery on 1/22. You can stop by the office during the week to place your orders or contact Vicki Drews if you have any questions.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY NOVEMBER 2022

Income for November was \$20,248.00 and was less than planned for by -\$748.35. Expenses for November were \$19,589.15 and were less than the planned expenses by -\$1,452.83. November income of \$20,248.00 less November expenses of \$19,589.15 means we took in more money than we spent by +\$658.85. YTD income of \$236,453 less YTD expenses of \$251,516 leaves us with a loss of \$15,064. Hopefully as the Winter Texans start returning donations will increase and we will be able to minimize our year to date loss. Thank you all for mailing in or dropping off your donations. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Our Savior's Quilters the "Piecemakers"

Heavenly Father, We thank you for food and remember the hungry. We thank you for friends and remember the friendless. We thank you for freedom and remember the enslaved. May these remembrances stir us to service that your gifts to us be used for others. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

In the beginning..... The year of 2003 the *Piecemakers* at Our Savior's, a group of seasonal and permanent Rio Grande Valley residents (not limited to members of Our Savior church) began their work. Present at the organizational meeting were *Alice Johnson, Betty Cooksley, Norma Grotewald, Barb Rush, Ann Grimsted, Ruth Peterson, Eleanor Stapf, Rayoma Andrews and Macel Magnussen*. During 2003-04 season, they donated 35 quilts to the Colonia and ten quilts to Comfort House. And presented a quilt to each child baptized at OSLC. The Piecemakers have made over 5700 quilts since its inception. One year the records show 466 were made. This year, the blessing of 320 plus quilts is *Sunday, January 8*. These quilts are given to various schools in the McAllen area. The children who receive one are very appreciative. The group also works with the Salvation Army throughout the year. You may also purchase one for the donation of \$75.00 each.

There are six steps: 1) Cut fabric blocks of 8 x 9 (or experience quilters may do smaller) 2) Arrange blocks in design of 60 x 80 size quilt top 3) Sew blocks together 4) Pin together a "sandwich" of top-batting-bottom 5) Secure layers by making knots approximately 5 inches apart over complete surface 6) Fold lower fabric up and over the top fabric to bind the two together and sew the binding along the edge. There is so much pride in this work that each quilt has an extra step of sewing a label on the quilt that reads (Spanish and English) *"When you wrap yourself in this quilt, may you feel the loving arms of our Lord. personally blessed and comes with our love and prayers"*. Which also included Our Savior's address and phone number.

The group welcomes any monetary donations and or donations of fabric, new or slightly used sheets and thread. These donations may be sent or brought to Our Savior. Mark in the memo line of your check *Piecemakers*.

Over the years there have been many quilters. There is a scrapbook located in the quilting room. This scrapbook has newspaper articles and many pictures. Some of the names that appear in this scrapbook and those who have helped along the way are (if your name doesn't appear, please forgive us as our records may not be complete) or if you have joined after this article was written: *Joan Herke, Ruth Bjork, Beth Bjork Westerhouse, Margaret Mueske, Joan Ortenstone, Barbara Christensen, Elaine Hall, Lynne Watkins, Betty Frye, Alie Hiles, Pat O'Connell, Sally Askins, Jan Brooks, Judy Juncker, Marlyce Miller, Judy Keeff, Phyllis Sandry, Sue Neilsen, Joann Goede, Lois Harrison, Sue Albrecht, Barbara Rush, Marguerite Baumann, Jayne Schnell, Marilyn Hertzberg, Betty Halvorson, Bev Marsh, Wanda Nebiolo, Bink Phillips, Amy Irving, Irene Hogstvedt, Sue Nelson, Cheryl Banfill, Sandy Bauer, Joyce Brooks, Betty Cooksley, Kathleen Frye, Judy Heineken, Macel Magnuseen, Jan Offerdahl, Nita Wells, Lena Doering, Rachel Fuerte, Delia Oberloh, Phyllis Yardley, Karen Olson, Barbara Kessler, Blanca Olvera, Annabell DeLaGarza, Irma Soto.*

Submitted by *Wanda Nebiolo*

New Year's resolutions to steward your life

Have any resolutions for 2023? (It's not too late to make them!) New Year's resolutions are a great way to boost the stewardship of your life. After all, resolutions are just goals for enriching our lives. Here are some areas to consider:

Spirituality: Grow in faith by engaging spiritual practices. Resolve to pray and read scripture daily, attend worship, give generously, cultivate spiritual relationships, serve church and community.

Health: Gain vitality by resolving to lose weight, eat healthfully, exercise regularly, learn about health and nutrition and get checkups at your doctor and dentist.

Intellect: Keep your mind active by resolving to read books, check out educational programs and podcasts. Take a class to learn a new language or skill.

Relationships: Resolve to make new friendships and deepen existing ones. Work on family relationships to strengthen bonds and bring people closer to you and other family members.

Leisure: Include resolutions to help you enjoy life! Vacations, hobbies, activities, getaways, day trips.

Financial: Get your financial house in order. Resolve to make and keep a budget, reduce debt, increase income, save more and become more learned in money matters.

We are stewards of the life that God has given us. For 2023, pray for God's guidance and make a few resolutions that address your priority issues. And pray for God's help in keeping them. Blessings for 2023!

Rob Blezard

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**TWENTY-SEVENTH
ANNUAL
POLKA WORSHIP
Sunday, January 22
9:30 a.m.
In the Sanctuary**

Contemporary at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

**Our Savior Lutheran Church
Annual Meeting of the Congregation
Sunday, January 15 at 12:15 p.m.
in the Sanctuary**

Agenda items for the meeting can be added before then by talking to President Paula Cheever. Reports will be available Jan. 13th.



RUMMAGE SALE

January 27 & 28, 2023

8am-12pm.

Mark your calendars. Clean out your closets and start gathering your stuff. You may bring items on Tuesdays in the morning, or for larger items, come the week of the sale. Or arrange with Kathy Bush to have the larger items picked up.



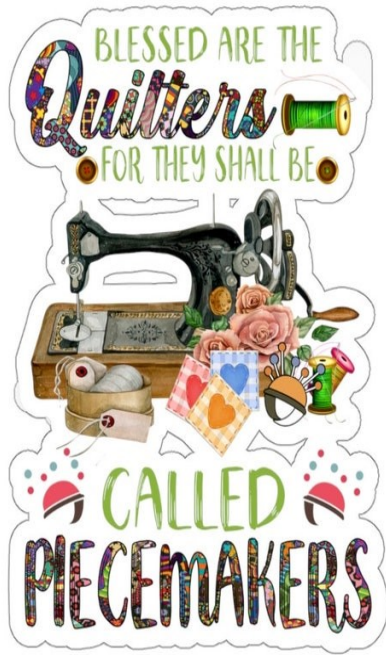
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Join us 1/8/23 for the blessing
of the Quilts. (325 quilts)

Quilts are available for sale for
\$75.00.

Quilters are in need of old or
new sheets that can be used for
backing.

Quilters also need someone to
sew the blocks together– inter-
ested talk to Judy Juncker.

Lives are changed.

Love is felt,

Where God is seen,

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