

# Our Savior Lutheran Church

*Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*

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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
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Office Manager	Vicki Drews
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Social Concerns	Carmen Bourbois



## Pastor's Newsletter Article

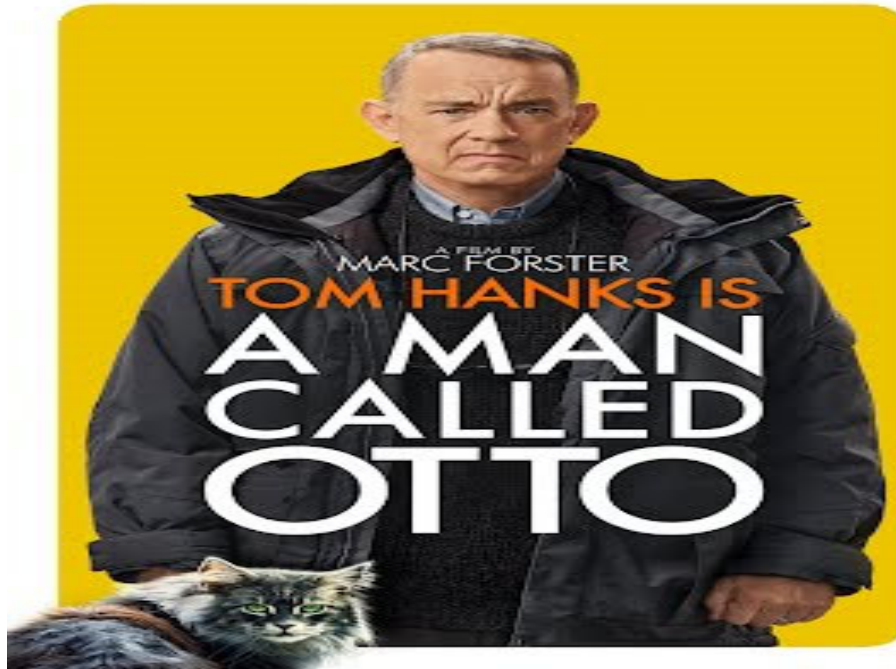
**Greetings this month of May,**

**We have been getting the April Showers, now for the flowers! Christ has risen, now for sharing the Good news! ... The end of this month brings the end of many of our school year ministries—Sunday School classes, confirmation classes, Hombres' gatherings, two Sunday services, weekly fellowship in the hall after service, Tuesday Piecemakers. But we also have some special events! Christina Ruiz will take her First Communion at the 11am service on the 21st. Damian Slusser and Ian Eason will make their confirmation vows on the 28th at the 9:30am service. The 28th is the first Sunday of our summer worship schedule. For fellowship, we will meet on the first Sunday of June, July, and August for a congregational potluck....We have been saying goodbye to our Winter Texans over the last month or so. It is always a blessing to have all of you in our midst during the cold winter months up north. You bring so many gifts and talents to not only our worship community but also our Valley communities and Senior Parks. Keep coming back as you are able. We are sad in many ways to see you go, but know in most circumstances that we will see you again in the Fall ....May all of us enjoy our Christian lives in this last month before heading into the summer. We take Jesus with us wherever we go! Pastor Steve**

## DINNER & A MOVIE

Join us Tuesday, May 2nd at 5:45pm at Jason's Deli on 2nd street in McAllen for dinner and then on to the church at 7pm for the movie "A Man Called Otto."

In the movie, Tom Hanks plays Otto, a grumpy curmudgeon who is starting to lose faith in his community in the aftermath of his widow's death. When a young family moves in next door, Otto's rough walls come down and he begins to open his heart to his new neighbors and realize that there's more in store to live for.



### SCRIP INFORMATION

Scrip orders will be placed on 5/21 for delivery on 5/28. You can stop by the office during the week to place your orders or contact Vicki Drews if you have any questions.

### FINANCIAL SUMMARY MARCH 2023

Income for March was \$26,740 and was more than planned for by +\$3,439. Expenses for March were \$24,886 and were more than the planned expenses by -\$493. March income of \$26,740 less March expenses of \$24,886 means we took in more money than we spent by +\$1,855. YTD Income for March is \$80,457. YTD Expenses for March is \$86,080. YTD Income of \$80,457 less YTD Expenses of \$86,080 means we took in less money than we spent by -\$5,623. Thank you all for mailing in or dropping off your donations. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

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## ***PAY IT FORWARD***

A friend of mine had gone through some very difficult times in 2013. She had three children, one of which was about four. One morning when she opened the front door to send the two older children off to meet the bus, she noticed a large jar on the porch. When she picked it up, she found it full of coins. Someone had anonymously left the jar. Someone “paid it forward.” She will always remember this kindness. Her story goes on to say that when she took the coins to the bank and received a ticket for the cash, her four-year old gave the teller the ticket, he was puzzled and asked, “well how are we gonna give the man the money to get our Christmas tree if it’s all in the machine over there?” Thankfully it all worked out. This family was the recipient of the Christmas Giving Tree for several years at Hope Lutheran, Freehold, NJ, and the Women of Hope Lutheran made sure the children had birthday gifts each year. The youngest is now receiving acceptance letters to colleges. God is Great! Amen!

One day this past summer, Ang and I were at a restaurant in NJ. When we were ready to get our check for the meal, the waitress stated, “your meal has been paid”. We looked around to see if we knew anyone in the restaurant. The waitress said that the people had already left the restaurant. Someone “paid it forward.” God is Great! Amen!

The book (a yard sale purchase), “*The Yellow Envelope*” is about paying forward. This is an intriguing and riveting tale of Kim Dinan’s travel adventures. “*The Yellow Envelope*” one gift, three rules, and a life-changing journey around the world. As Kim and her husband, Brian, set out on this adventure, friends gave them a yellow envelope with a sizable amount of money. The instructions were to give the money away. There were three rules listed, 1) Don’t over think it, 2) Share your experiences and 3) Don’t feel pressured to give it all away. As Kim and Brian figure out how to give to the people they met along their journeys and to each other, they learn that money does not have a thing to do with the capacity to give. “*The Yellow Envelope*” is a vividly insightful look at how travel stretches and pushes the traveler, and it tells the tale of the transformative power of giving, not just of money, but also of ourselves. God is Great! Amen!

*Submitted by Wanda Nebiolo*

If you would like to read this book, I have a copy. You may read and pass it on.

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We are starting a fundraiser to pay off our mortgage early and to raise money for 2 defibrillators, one for the church and one for the LFC. Please consider making a donation to this fund. The youth will be making a thermometer poster to keep track of our progress. We will have a mortgage burning party once we achieve our goal. If you want to contribute to this fundraiser please write a check to Our Savior Lutheran Church and mark in the bottom left hand corner of the check that it’s for mortgage reduction. As of 4/16/23 we have donations totaling **\$6,595.00** towards this fundraiser! Our goal is to reach \$23,000. Thank you to all who have contributed!

## May 2023

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**Thank God for our families**

*[Jesus was dying on the cross.] When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." -John 19:26-27*

This month we celebrate the mothers and mother figures, and then in June we celebrate our fathers and father figures. What a wonderful opportunity to honor the strong bond between parents and children. How strong? The first use of the word "love" in the Bible, Genesis 22:2, describes the connection between Abraham and his son, Isaac.

Family is a cherished gift from God that we are entrusted to treasure, love and nourish. As parents, we are responsible for raising children to become healthy adults. And as children, we are responsible for caring for our aging parents.

As Jesus indicates in the passage above, there need not be a blood connection for a parent-child relationship. In Matthew 12:46-50, Jesus redefines family, saying that all who love and follow him are mothers, brothers, sisters, fathers. So, all of us are parent, child and sibling to one another. Now THAT'S some family!

As we honor the mother and father figures this spring, we can also challenge ourselves to be better stewards of the family bonds God has given us. We can explore how we can support families in our personal circles, our congregation and community – especially families that are troubled by great need, crises or dysfunction.

God ordained families to be the fundamental unit of human life. We can be good stewards of family relationships by caring for one another and helping everyone to grow into the faith family God intends.

--Rob Blezard

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Love is felt,  
Where God is seen,*

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