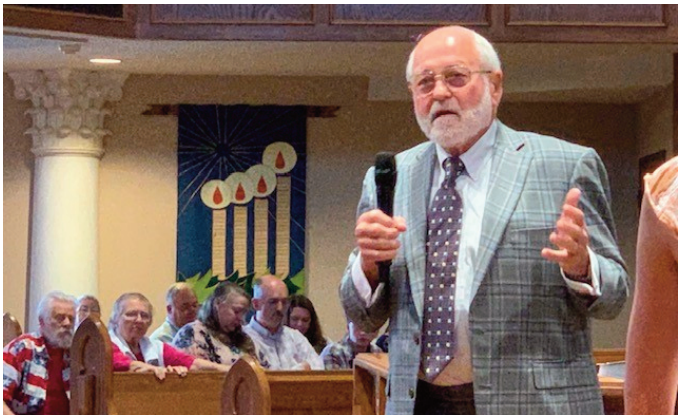
Our Savior Lutheran's July Voice 2021

THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES



I guess you have to be an old man to recall that *"Thanks For The Memories"* was the theme song of the Bob Hope Show. We watched the show on our little black and white televisions many, many years ago. I guess I qualify as an *"old man"* because that is the tune that came to mind on Father's Day when I was presented with a massive album filled with scores of pictures and letters that reached back across the past 40 years. I spent the rest of the day reading it and many tears were shed as a host of memories filled my mind.

The bond which unites a congregation and the pastor whom God has called there is a unique thing. Most of the people who were the adult members of Our Savior in 1981 have now gone on to glory. But I still remember them as though it were yesterday. It's impossible to start naming names and recalling specific events. There are just too many of them. They tend to cluster around the Word and Sacrament milestones of the Christian life - baptisms, confirmations, marriages, and funerals.

Precious people, brought together by God to be His own. This church is unlike any other I have ever seen. We are bonded together in care and compassion for one another by the love of Christ. We are resolved to remain faithful to the Word of God and the heritage of the Lutheran Church. But we have also made up our minds to rise to meet the challenges which confront our Christ and His Saving Truth in this rapidly changing world. We recognize that we have been placed here to stand together for life and family. That is a rare and wondrous combination.

Thanks for the memories. I have spent most of my life as your pastor. It has been a wonderful honor and a precious gift from our gracious Savior. For anything that has been accomplished I give thanks and praise to God for it was entirely His doing. For failures and shortcomings I ask your forgiveness, and accept full responsibility.

Who knows what the Lord has in store. My family wants to know why I haven't retired. Because I can't imagine what life would be like without you. Thanks for the memories.

I pray that whatever the future may hold, the Lord may continue to pour out the abundance of His blessings upon *"Our Savior."*

Pastor Laurence White

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ:

Article XVII was one article where the Lutherans and Roman Catholic church were in agreement. There was nothing which was in dispute in this article. So why was it necessary to have this article? The reason is the fact errors concerning the Lord's return were once again becoming prevalent, and the Lutherans were being blamed for these errors. We wanted to make clear we were not the source of these false beliefs. With ACXVII the Lutherans distinguished themselves from the other so-called "Reformed" churches by condemning their teaching as heretical.

Article XVII states: *Our churches teach that at the end of the world Christ will appear for judgment and will raise all the dead [1 Thessalonians 4:13–5:2]. He will give the godly and elect eternal life and everlasting joys, but He will condemn ungodly people and the devils to be tormented without end [Matthew 25:31–46].*

Our churches condemn the Anabaptists, who think that there will be an end to the punishments of condemned men and devils.

Our churches also condemn those who are spreading certain Jewish opinions, that before the resurrection of the dead the godly shall take possession of the kingdom of the world, the ungodly being everywhere suppressed.

Errors concerning Christ's return show themselves primarily in two ways as noted here in the Augsburg Confession. The first is known as annihilationism and the other millennialism. Both are very dangerous teachings which lead to a false view of Christ's work. Annihilationism destroys the importance of Christ's work, while millennialism changes Christ's purpose into something it is not.

Annihilationism teaches either that hell does not exist, or those who go to hell will only suffer for a short time. This term comes from the teaching that unbelievers will be annihilated on the last day and will simply cease to exist. Annihilationism is based on the idea God is a God of love and could never condemn any of His own creatures to hell.

This teaching demeans the very real judgment of hell to make people feel more comfortable with living a life of sin while here on earth. There are many passages in the Bible which clearly show the punishment in hell will be without end for those who do not trust in Jesus as their Savior from sin. *(Mark 3:29, 2 Thessalonians 1:5-10, Matthew 25:46, Daniel 12:1-2, Isaiah 66:24, Revelation 14:10-11).*

Throughout Scripture the eternal punishment in hell is contrasted to the eternal joy in heaven. After the resurrection, the reunited body and soul will go to one of two places, either heaven or hell for eternity! This is what makes Christ's work for us so important!

Millennialism takes its name from the "thousand years" of Revelation 20:1-10 and teaches Christ will establish an earthly kingdom for 1,000 years at His return. The reason the Lutherans call this teaching a "Jewish opinion" is that millennialism first came from the prevalent Jewish belief that the Messiah would return to establish a kingdom here in this world (this pre-dates the time of Christ). Today millennialism rejects the idea that Old Testament prophecies which speak of the Kingdom of Christ refer to the New Testament Church and reinterpret these passages to refer to the reestablishment of a worldly kingdom of Israel, thus the preoccupation with the State of Israel in our world today with many who hold this belief.

We must constantly be on guard from this belief. Millennialism is found permeating "secular" books like the "Left Behind" series, but is also common in most of the "Study Bibles" on the shelves of Christian Bible Bookstores today. If you want a Study Bible get the *Lutheran Study Bible.*

As we have seen time and time again the truths expressed in these articles are just as beneficial and relevant now as the day they were first written. ACXVII attests to this once again. Not only was this topic misunderstood by many in the time of Luther, but it is increasingly confused by many more in our own time. From annihilationism to millennialism the errors of the past continue to be perpetuated even today. May the LORD continue to preserve the truth of His Word, in our midst and in our teaching! Amen.

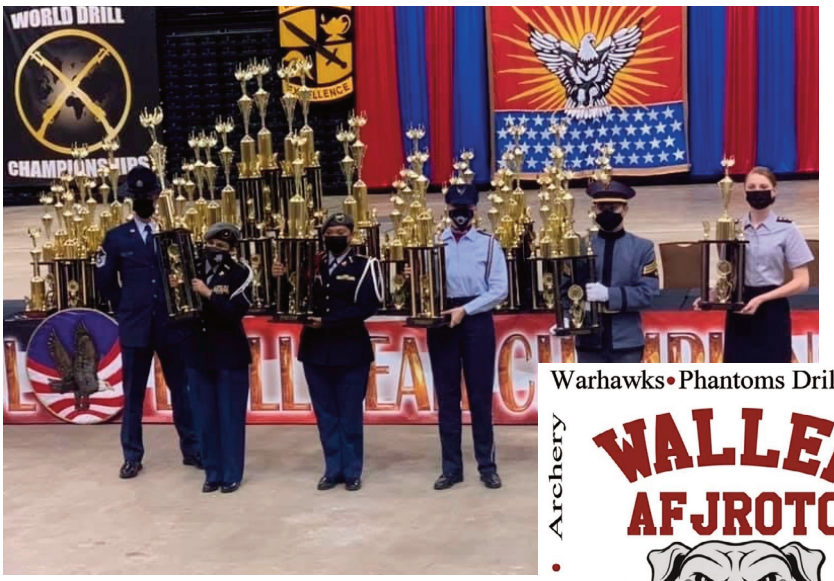
In Christ's Service and Yours,
Pastor Krieg

Celebrate THE FOURTH

Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God.

1 Peter 2:16 ESV

Sunday, July 4th Church Festival Worship @ 9:30
Sunday School @ 10:45
AF JROTC Color Guard Presentation @ 11:45 in the cafeteria
Lunch, Buckaroo Music & Fellowship Fun @ noon
Water Slide & Moonwalk sponsored by Men Alive!
Bring your swimsuit & towel!



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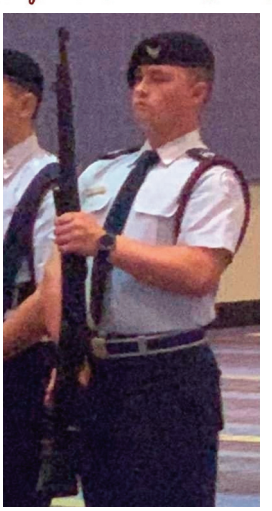

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Houston Coalition for Life is Sponsoring

Friday, August 6, 2021
12:30 – 2:30 p.m.
Outside Planned Parenthood
4600 Gulf Freeway

Dr. Haywood Robinson
Former abortionist and now pro-life speaker

Sue Thayer
Former Planned Parenthood Director and
now pro-life advocate

Yes, the weather will match the heated topic that we are discussing so bring a hat and water.

Also please consider carpooling with your pro-life friends and family.

Dear OSL Friends:

As a 40 Days Coordinator, I was sent this blurb and asked to let everyone at OSL know about it. If there is anyone Ethylene hasn't already reached, here it is ☺

Please let me know if you would like to participate and whether or not you need a ride or can give rides to other participants. Normally, parking is not a problem but it can be a real issue if it is a big event and this promises to be that.

Hope to hear from you and see you there,
Cindy Blake
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We need YOU to represent that Houston is Pro-life!
Stay up to date with details at:
https://www.houstoncoalition.com/events/40-days-for-life-international-prayer-event

LWML White Oak Zone Retreat

Saturday, July 31, 2021

Our Savior Lutheran Church
5000 W. Tidwell Rd.

9 am – 4 pm

Witnessing. What's it all about? *The Every One His Witness Lutheran evangelism program puts sound doctrine into practical action for sharing the faith with people in our everyday lives.*

Participants learn: What is witnessing? Why do we witness? And the "how-to" of witnessing using the LASSIE approach — Listen-Ask-Seek-Share-Invite-Encourage.

Sign-In begins at 8:30. A light breakfast and snacks are provided; lunch is available for purchase.

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LWML White Oak Zone Retreat
Registration Form

Name: ______________________Email: ___________________Phone:____________

	Fee	Qty	Total
Registration:	$15	____	______
Lunch:	$10	____	______
☐ I would like the gluten-free option.			
Total:			______

Please make checks payable to *LWML White Oak Zone*.

☐ I will need childcare for the following children: (Freewill offering at door)

Name: Age: Notes:

Send registration form and fee to:
Our Savior Lutheran Church
attn: Sarah Baughman
5000 W. Tidwell Rd.
Houston, TX 77091

Or use QR Code to register online:

Baptized into Christ

God's blessings on Henry Lawrence Boundy who became a child of God through Holy Baptism, Saturday, May 29. Parents: Jordyn and Tyler Boundy, Sponsors: Breann Reyes and Ty Walker.

Memorials:

Memorials are given in memory of our loved ones for the glory of God to the "Forward Faithfully Fund," unless otherwise noted.

MARVIN EVERS .....
Lloyd Evers
Janice Jolley
Jim Nitsch

TRAVIS HOLEMAN .....
Jennifer Arnold

RAYMOND JAMES MEDACK .....
Lona Reeves *(Altar Guild)*

J. E. "SKIP" WARD .....
Cornelius & Celia Dupre
Jeffrey & Kathy Lewellin
Bob & Wendy McCoy
Kenneth Melbar
Ron & Alicia Thomas

Honorariums:

FRITSCHE MISSION .....
for Joel Fritsche's 20 years of service
by Norman & Debbie Adams
Laura Boyd
Gary & Bev Hintz
Carol Marx

AFRICA – WOKOMA .....
James & Pat Smithson

AFRICA – MAY FAMILY .....
LWML Night Circle

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 **3:00 PM** Prayer Request printing deadline **6:15 PM** Carillon Ringers **7:00 PM** Jubilate Choir **7:00 PM** Lutheran Confessions Bible Study Group	2	3 **8:30 AM** Men Alive-A101 **9:00 AM** Fellowship setup for July 4 festival -A101
4 **8:15 AM** Bible Class **9:30 AM** **Patriotic Service** **10:45 AM** Sunday School **12:00 PM** **Fourth of July celebration** **4:30 PM** High School Youth Meeting 	5 **Church office closed** 	6 **10:00 AM** Circle of Grace-FR **7:00 PM** Church Council-BC	7 **6:30 AM** Men's Bible Study-BC **10:00 AM** Bible Class-BC **12:00 PM** Bulletin Deadline	8 **3:00 PM** Prayer Request printing deadline **6:15 PM** Carillon Ringers **7:00 PM** Jubilate Choir	9 **9:00 AM** Joseph's Guild of Colors-LWML	10
11 **8:15 AM** Bible Class **9:30 AM** **Communion-Principal Thoelke Installation** **11:00 AM** Principal Theolke Reception **4:30 PM** Middle School Youth Meeting 	12 **9:00 AM** Joseph's Guild of Colors-LWML	13 **8:30 AM** *Braille* **7:00 PM** Parish Ed mtg-YR	14 **6:30 AM** Men's Bible Study-BC **10:00 AM** Bible Class-BC **12:00 PM** Bulletin Deadline	15 **Newsletter Deadline** **3:00 PM** Prayer Request printing deadline **6:00 PM** Evangelism Meeting - BC **7:00 PM** Lutheran Confessions Bible Study Group	16	17
18 **8:15 AM** Bible Class **9:30 AM** **Matins** **10:45 AM** Sunday School	19	20 **6:30 PM** Trustees **7:00 PM** Elders mtg-BC **7:00 PM** Night Circle-FR	21 **6:30 AM** Men's Bible Study-BC **10:00 AM** Bible Class-BC **12:00 PM** Bulletin Deadline	22 **3:00 PM** Prayer Request printing deadline	23	24
25 **8:15 AM** Bible Class **9:30 AM** **Communion** **10:45 AM** Sunday School	26	27 **7:00 PM** Parochial Ed-A102E	28 **6:30 AM** Men's Bible Study-BC **10:00 AM** Bible Class-BC **12:00 PM** Bulletin Deadline	29 **3:00 PM** Prayer Request printing deadline	30	31 **8:00 AM** LWML meeting-BC

A=Gym/Cafeteria • B=Early Childhood Ctr • C=Classrooms • BC=Bible Class Room • FR=Family Room
Italics=not @ OSL • MR=Music Room • YR=Youth Room

Those to Serve in July 2021

Acolytes	07/04/21	9:30 AM	**Timothy Witt / Mathew O'Neill**
Carts	07/04/21	9:30 AM	**Gerard Team**
Elders	07/04/21	9:30 AM	**Chuck Hall / Scott Nitsch / Jason Stephens / Shaun Downie**
Evangelism	07/04/21	9:30 AM	**Team 1 Lee**
Sound	07/04/21	9:30 AM	**Witt**
Ushers	07/04/21	9:30 AM	**Hall Team**
Acolytes	07/11/21	9:30 AM	**Mary Johnson / Maja Stephens**
Altar Guild	07/11/21	9:30 AM	**Amanda Crabtree Team**
Carts	07/11/21	9:30 AM	**Adams Team**
Comm Asst.	07/11/21	9:30 AM	**Chuck Hall / Scott Nitsch / Jason Stephens / Shaun Downie / Ken Wright**
Elders	07/11/21	9:30 AM	**Chuck Hall / Scott Nitsch / Jason Stephens / Shaun Downie**
Evangelism	07/11/21	9:30 AM	**Team 2 Ken**
Sound	07/11/21	9:30 AM	**J. Wilbanks**
Ushers	07/11/21	9:30 AM	**Downie Team**
Acolytes	07/18/21	9:30 AM	**Samuel Adams / Ethan Ginn**
Carts	07/18/21	9:30 AM	**Kemnitz Team**
Elders	07/18/21	9:30 AM	**Chuck Hall / Scott Nitsch / Jason Stephens / Shaun Downie**
Evangelism	07/18/21	9:30 AM	**Team 3 James**
Sound	07/18/21	9:30 AM	**Greenwood**
Ushers	07/18/21	9:30 AM	**Gobrogge Team**
Acolytes	07/25/21	9:30 AM	**Emma Guevera / Colleen Crabtree**
Altar Guild	07/25/21	9:30 AM	**Clarissa Worthing Team**
Carts	07/25/21	9:30 AM	**Pampell Team**
Comm Asst.	07/25/21	9:30 AM	**Chuck Hall / Scott Nitsch / Jason Stephens / Shaun Downie / Ken Wright**
Elders	07/25/21	9:30 AM	**Chuck Hall / Scott Nitsch / Jason Stephens / Shaun Downie**
Evangelism	07/25/21	9:30 AM	**Team 4 Karl**
Sound	07/25/21	9:30 AM	**Blake**
Ushers	07/25/21	9:30 AM	**Lehr Team**

1 Kimberly Cezeaux
Steven Long
Melvin Miller
Bobby Nichols
Greyson Williams

2 Stephen Gbur

3 Annette Coon
Jimmy Synnott

4 August Baughman
Gilda Candella

5 Nancy Boddicker

6 Blake Crabtree
Alex Pollock

7 Steve Caka
Vanessa Cook
Tess Long

8 Mikayla Eifert
Mandy Temple
Sonya Whiting

9 Kristie Fisher
Samuel Gerard
Everett Tannert

10 Audrey Cooper
Erich Eifert
Andrew Manriquez

11 Samatha Cox
Ted Reyes Sr.

12 Giuliana Bush
Marijn Lawyer
Alex Payne
Jacob Silvas
Allie Synnott

13 Greg Biehle
Sharon Petree

14 Samuel Leaton
Benjamin Witt

15 Kyle Aisenbrey
Brenda Jones
James Kriegel
Trace Kucish
Paul Proske

16 Sandra Seyffert
Iris Willis

17 Garrett Gerard
Scarlett Heefner

18 Carmina Contreras
Jill Gerard
Abraham Priddy

19 Olivia Lucas
Lisa Petree

20 Julie Hester
Roger Synnott
Jaide Thomas
Joi Thomas

21 Kimberly Eifert
Robert Noack
Lorie Priddy
Stephanie Savoie

22 Donna Ginn
Kellie Henson
Thelma Oberndorfer
Luke Schoppe
Gene Zoch

23 Mikayla Bukenya
Jordan Jones
Erik Whiting

24 Carol Bowers
Patrick Downie
Sandy Fritsche
Jeff Skweres

25 Jack Gobrogge
Joy Lunsford

26 Max Banes
Clayton Wilbanks

27 Carol Marx
Bianca Williams

28 Colin Noble

29 Lucas Downie
Doris Hackemack

30 Edward Witt
Zoey Burge

31 Sandra El-Gamil
Lee Kauffman
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Summer Church Office Hours:

9:00 am-4:00 pm, Monday-Thursday
9:00 am-3:00 pm, Friday

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Serving Families for Jesus Christ

Return Service Requested

Article entry deadline is July 15 for August's issue