

Our Savior Lutheran's *Voice*

May 2022

*Who is like the Lord our God, who is seated on high, who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?
He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap,
to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people.
He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children.
Praise the Lord!*

Psalm 113:5-9 ESV

Bring Mom to church

May 8 @ 9:30 am

with Holy Communion



HAPPY
Mother's
DAY



*Ascension
Day*

*Who has ascended to heaven and come down?
Who has gathered the wind in his fists?
Who has wrapped up the waters in a garment?
Who has established all the ends of the earth?
What is his name, and what is his son's name? Surely you know!
Proverbs 30:4*

May 29 @ 9:30 am

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

This month we look at AC XXVI, Over the Distinction of Meats. This article goes into more detail on the Church customs and traditions spoken of generally in AC XV. Specifically mentioned in AC XXVI are the distinction of foods, prescribed fasts, prayers, vestments or dress, and mortification.

The distinction of foods refers to the practice in the Roman Church of not allowing the eating of certain kinds of meat on certain festival days.

Prescribed fasts refer to the practice of making fasts on certain days mandatory for all its members. While fasting is mentioned often in both the Old and New Testaments, it is not as a means of atoning for sin, but as a sign of repentance, often in times of trial or distress to dedicate time to turn to God in prayer.

Prayers refers to prayers made in a certain way, which make them more beneficial than other prayers. The Roman Church prescribed prayer as an act of penance which “contributes to the forgiveness of our sins”. While prayer is a wonderful blessing from God, we must recognize that prayer is not a means of grace and does not impart forgiveness of sins.

Vestments is a term that refers to the clothing worn by priests, bishops, and others in the Catholic Church. Once again, we are reminded that these customs are man-made and, while beneficial in some ways, should not be considered in any way meritorious of God’s grace.

Mortification, which means “putting to death,” is used to refer to practices common in the Roman church which

range from giving up or abstaining from certain pleasures; to living a simple or impoverished life; to even inflicting pain on oneself.

Regarding all of these customs the AC XXVI states, “So our churches have taught that we cannot merit grace or be justified by observing human traditions. We must not think that such observances are necessary acts of worship.”

This article highlights one of the main points of dispute between Catholics and Lutherans, namely, the exaltation of the will of the Church above the Word of God. Concerning this Jesus said, “in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men” (Matthew 15:9).

Throughout this article is highlighted the necessity of holding to the Scriptural doctrine of forgiveness of sin by grace, through faith, and not by works. Churches who teach that certain actions or customs merit God’s grace lead many away from the all-sufficient work of Christ as Savior, and instead to have false trust in the Church’s man-made rules and regulations.

Therefore, let us give thanks to God that He has preserved the true doctrine within our church and continues to place pastors and lay-leaders here who uphold the truth of His Word and maintain Biblical doctrine over the traditions of men.

In Christ’s Service and Yours,

Pastor Krieg

Dear Young Adults of Our Savior Lutheran Church!

God greet you! Christ Is Risen!

As we rejoice in the good gifts that our God has given us, I’d like to start meeting together with you all on a regular basis for Bible Study and Fellowship. This new group will be young adults (both married and single). We will meet on Monday evenings at 7PM in the 4:12 Lounge (the Youth Room). We’ll have snacks and refreshments as we gather to study and visit. We’ll start this coming Monday, May 2. Please tell your friends!

Young Adults — Mondays @ 7PM—OSL Youth Room

If you have questions, please reach out to me. My cell phone is 314-807-2259. I prefer text messages, but I’ll answer the phone, too. My office phone is listed below. I’m excited to gather together!

See you soon,

Pastor Cholak



This Week, Make plans to join us for Spring FAST!

(Fellowship And Study Together)

Wednesdays:

May 4, 11, 18, June 1, 8

SUPPER IN THE CAFETERIA: 5:45 PM

CLASSES: 6:30 - 7:30 PM

EVENING PRAYER IN THE CAFETERIA: 7:35 - 8:00 PM

Here are the classes being offered this season:

Jeff Armstrong – *History of Hymns*

Sarah Baughman – *New Mom's Group*

Bruce Blake – *Lutherans for Life training for our new OSL Life Team*

Kate Thielke – *What is Classical Education?*

Pastor Cholak – *As the Head of Household! (A Faith Toolbox for Christian Fathers)*

Pastor Krieg – *“Crosses: Afflictions in the Life of the Christian”- In this study, we’ll unpack what Scripture has to say about afflictions in the life of the Christian, that is, the cross we will endure in various shapes and sizes, not even though, but because we are Christians.*

Any questions or interested in teaching, contact Pastor Cholak: scholak@osl.cc



Thank You!

We thank God for granting us the blessings that go with OSL! You have all had a part in ministering to us and guided by God; we to you. May God continue to bless each member as recipients of His grace and as witnesses to the love Jesus has for all people in every part of His world.

We are leaving Houston as our daughter, Dorinda Werner, who lovingly lives with her aging parents, has been blessed with the opportunity to be in ministry to International Students at Texas A&M based out of the University Lutheran Chapel at College Station. Come visit us! If you would ever like to hear my daughter's God-directed story which includes missions in Africa, simply invite her and work out a mutually acceptable date. Contact her at dorinda830@gmail.com.

Dalton & Deanne Noack

Baby Bottle Boomerang!

LWML Night Circle is sponsoring a **Baby Bottle Boomerang** from Mother's Day to Father's Day with your contributions helping the Big Blue Bus Project. Collect your spare change for our Baby Bottle Boomerang. Thanks for your support!



Fellowship Family Fiesta!



Saturday, May 7 @ 6:00pm in the Cafeteria

Join Us for a Fellowship **FIESTA Pot-Luck & BINGO** Party, Saturday, May 7, at **6:00pm**, in the OSL School **Cafeteria**.

Bring your favorite Mexican dish to share, and we will provide the Piñata and drinks!

Remember your white-elephant gifts for the BINGO prizes! Good time to clean out your CDs, toys & books, or bring something fun & new.

We will also have some **CASH** prizes as well!





To learn more about
OSL's new Life Team, join us on
Wednesday nights during FAST,
with training through...



Join the **OSL Life Team**

Life issues are many, complex and varied;
"abortion" is only the tip of the iceberg



Contact Bruce Blake to get involved
713-459-7508

Sailing For The DR

Make a \$250 donation to OSL
(memo=DR, Pueblo Nuevo) and get
a 4 hour sail on Galveston Bay (up
to 4 people).

All proceeds to benefit mission
work in the Dominican Republic.

**Contact Bruce Blake with
questions or to pick a date.**

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OSL MOTHER DAUGHTER

HAPPY CAMPERS BANQUET

← 2022 →

30th Anniversary Mother Daughter Banquet

Saturday, May 21 @ 6:00pm

OSL Cafeteria

Mothers, daughters, sisters, aunts, friends and family please plan to attend this fun night of friends, food and fellowship as we celebrate together. The theme this year is "Happy Campers"- you can coordinate your groups' attire to reflect your favorite form of camping (glamping, outdoors adventure, camp counselor, etc). We will have an interactive program with the audience led by some of the younger campers in our congregation. Tickets will go on sale May 1st and May 8th, after church, outside the bible classroom (\$25 each or \$250 for a table of 10). As always, we will have terrific door prizes for all the ladies in attendance. If you would like to donate gifts for adults and kids please email Maria White (mariawhite06@gmail.com). We need gift cards (starbucks, chickfila, whataburger, restaurants, Target), toys, stuffed animals, wine, home goods, any kind of gift you like receiving.

WAITERS NEEDED: please email Amy Adams (aaadams@mac.com). Sons can help wait tables with their dads!

Thanks so much for your help and hope to see everyone at the 30th annual Mother Daughter Banquet!

Calling All Graduates!

Any graduates in your household? In our June newsletter it is tradition to celebrate our high school and college graduates. Information to include would be: graduate's name, school's name, type of college degree, awards, special accomplishments, and future plans (accepted to a college, joining the military, hired by a company, etc.) Send your information to Barbara in the church office at: bmushinski@osl.cc. **Deadline is May 15.**



Membership Changes

From the Elders Meeting – April 19, 2022

INCOMING:

Transfer:

Garry & Tina Fritsche from St. Mark, Houston
Pastor Steven & Stephanie Cholak from Immanuel,
Roswell NM

Profession of faith:

Mateo Avalos
Vienne, Clay, Amanda, Dane & Jules Crook
Matthew Dolfi
Jim Freudenstein
Jason, Katy, Kaitlyn & Kinley Kramer

OUTGOING:

Death:

James "Jimmy" Oberndorfer – April 16, 2022

Memorials:

Marion Cholak.....

Lois Newbauer (Cradle of Life Memorial Garden)

Chad DeMoss

Danielle, Justin, Jase & Reid Kalisek
Rob & Loretta Supercinski

Gertrude Khalaf

Alan & Sandy Fritsche

Ed Noble

Lonnie & Lovera Roesel

Missions:

Fritsche Mission.....

Bruce & Cindy Blake
Janis Hervey
Garry & Evelyn Stuhr
Laura Boyd
Norman & Debbie Adams

Wokoma – Africa.....

Laura Boyd

Thank You for Your Dedicated Service!

Please join with us in honoring two of our outstanding school office staff members, who will both be retiring at the end of May, for their dedication and service to OSL for so many years.

Cathy Byers has served as the school's registrar for 21 years! We will honor her the week of May 9th.



Cheryl Straker has served as the school's secretary for 17 years! We will honor her the week of May 16th.

If you would like to give a card, gift, or love offering to show your appreciation for all that they have done for OSL, please bring it to the church or school office the week of May 9th or May 16th.



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| 01 Acelynn Akhtar
Janan Biehle
Andrew Cook
Lona Reeves
Rachel Williams | 14 Madison Kachelmeier
Matthew Schlanser | 24 Pastor Cholak
Conrad Kleb
Emily Lankford
Allison Symcox |
| 02 Natalie Turney
Meagan Zorn | 15 Tamara Aisenbrey
Kimberly Leaton
Samantha Tannert | 25 Janis Hervey |
| 04 Nancy Carter
Trip Halbert | 16 Liam Arri
Herb Peterson | 26 Peyton Payne
Jeannine Petree
Lillie Ripple |
| 05 Paul Bohls
Gunnar Nitsch | 17 Alex La Nasa
Kelsi Moore
Jeff Musgrove
Chelsie Pigeon | 27 Elyssa Mushinski
Stephanie Pollock
Kathy Temple |
| 06 Debbie Armstrong
Paul Crabtree III
Margie Green | 18 Hope Edmondson
Alexia Gonzales | 29 Prynce Willis |
| 07 Henry Boundy | 19 William Lierbo
Jessica Shem | 30 Alison Cook
Bill Lierbo
Craig Valka |
| 08 Ava Symcox
Michelle Wright | 20 Lynette Cherington
Isabelle Frazier
Dalton Noack | 31 Art Vasquez Jr.
Maria White
Caitlin Worthing |
| 09 Patrick Cochran Jr.
Micah Eckert
Ryder Musgrove | 21 Gladys Bobo
Trevor Holman | |
| 10 Shavonne Lucas
Toni Willis | 22 Amanda Curtin
Melanija Jokic | |
| 13 Brandon Armstrong
Diana Deforest
John Listi
Darcy Skweres
Roger Worthing | 23 William Garcia | |

Birthdays in...



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Bible Classes at 8:15 & 10:45am

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**Church Office Hours: 8 am-5:00 pm,
Monday-Thursday**

8 am-4:00 pm, Friday



2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:15 AM Bible Class 9:30 AM Matins 10:45 AM Sunday School 4:12 PM Sr Youth Meeting	2 12:00 PM Cantate 6:30 PM Potter's Vessel-FR 7:00 PM Young Adults-YR	3 10:00 AM Circle of Grace-FR 7:00 PM Church Council-BC	4 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study-BC 10:00 AM Bible Class-BC 12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline 5:45 PM F.A.S.T. Supper-A101 6:30 PM F.A.S.T. Classes 	5 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-BC	6	7 8:30 AM Men Alive-A101 6:00 PM Fellowship Family Fiesta BINGO-A101 
8 8:15 AM Bible Class 9:30 AM Communion 10:45 AM Sunday School 12:00 PM Laudate 	9 9:00 AM Joseph's Guild of Colors-LWML 7:00 PM Young Adults-YR	10 8:30 AM Braille 9:00 AM Houston Area Athletic Directors-BC 7:00 PM Parish Ed mtg-FR	11 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study-BC 10:00 AM Bible Class-BC 12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline 5:45 PM F.A.S.T. Supper-A101 6:30 PM F.A.S.T. Classes 	12 3:00 PM Prayer Request printing deadline 6:15 PM Carillon Ringers 7:00 PM Jubilate Choir	13 9:00 AM Joseph's Guild of Colors-LWML	14 11:00 AM Bon Appetit
15 Newsletter Deadline 8:15 AM Bible Class 9:30 AM Matins 10:45 AM Sunday School 12:00 PM Exultae 4:12 PM Sr Youth Meeting 	16 7:00 PM Young Adults-YR	17 6:30 PM Trustees 7:00 PM Elders mtg-BC 7:00 PM Night Circle-FR	18 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study-BC 10:00 AM Bible Class-BC 12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline 5:45 PM F.A.S.T. Supper-A101 6:30 PM F.A.S.T. Classes 	19 3:00 PM Prayer Request printing deadline 6:00 PM Evangelism Meeting - BC 6:15 PM Carillon Ringers 6:30 PM Fine Arts Festival & PK Program-A101 7:00 PM Jubilate Choir 7:00 PM Lutheran Confessions Bible Study Group-BC	20 12:00 PM Young at Heart-BC	21 6:00 PM Mother-Daughter Banquet 
22 8:15 AM Bible Class 9:30 AM Communion 10:45 AM Sunday School 12:00 PM Laudate 12:00 PM LWML Cheerful Helpers Meeting-BC 4:30 PM Jr Youth Fusion-A101	23 7:00 PM Young Adults-YR	24 7:00 PM Parochial Ed-A102E	25 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study-BC 10:00 AM Bible Class-BC 11:45 AM 8th Grade Photos-Church 12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline 6:30 PM Kindergarten Graduation-Church 7:30 PM Kindergarten Reception-BC 	26 3:00 PM Prayer Request printing deadline 7:00 PM 8th Grade Graduation-Church 8:30 PM 8th Grade Reception-BC	27	28 10:30 AM Recital-Church 11:30 AM Reception-BC
29 8:15 AM Bible Class 9:30 AM Matins 10:45 AM Sunday School 12:30 PM Holman Reception-BC 	30 7:00 PM Young Adults-YR MEMORIAL DAY 	31	1 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study-BC 10:00 AM Bible Class-BC 12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline 5:45 PM F.A.S.T. Supper-A101 6:30 PM F.A.S.T. Classes 	2 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-BC	3	4 8:30 AM Men Alive-A101

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

Those to Serve in May 2022

Acolytes	05/01/22	9:30 AM	Alexia Gonzales / Lorenzo Gonzales
Carts	05/01/22	9:30 AM	Gerard Team
Elders	05/01/22	9:30 AM	Chuck Hall / Scott Nitsch / Jason Stephens / Shaun Downie
Evangelism	05/01/22	9:30 AM	Team 4 Karl
Sound	05/01/22	9:30 AM	Blake
Ushers	05/01/22	9:30 AM	Downie Team
Acolytes	05/08/22	9:30 AM	Isabella Farley / Abigale Halbert
Altar Guild	05/08/22	9:30 AM	Ann Putman Team
Carts	05/08/22	9:30 AM	Adams Team
Comm Asst.	05/08/22	9:30 AM	Chuck Hall / Scott Nitsch / Jason Stephens / Shaun Downie / Ken Wright
Elders	05/08/22	9:30 AM	Chuck Hall / Scott Nitsch / Jason Stephens / Shaun Downie
Evangelism	05/08/22	9:30 AM	Team 5 Al
Sound	05/08/22	9:30 AM	Whiting
Ushers	05/08/22	9:30 AM	Gobrogge Team
Acolytes	05/15/22	9:30 AM	Heidi Nitsch / Ava Symcox
Carts	05/15/22	9:30 AM	Pampell Team
Elders	05/15/22	9:30 AM	Chuck Hall / Scott Nitsch / Jason Stephens / Shaun Downie
Evangelism	05/15/22	9:30 AM	Team 1 Lee
Sound	05/15/22	9:30 AM	Witt
Ushers	05/15/22	9:30 AM	Lehr Team
Acolytes	05/22/22	9:30 AM	Jude Morgan / Jacob Pampell
Altar Guild	05/22/22	9:30 AM	Glenda Cochran Team
Carts	05/22/22	9:30 AM	Downie Team
Comm Asst.	05/22/22	9:30 AM	Chuck Hall / Scott Nitsch / Jason Stephens / Shaun Downie / Ken Wright
Elders	05/22/22	9:30 AM	Chuck Hall / Scott Nitsch / Jason Stephens / Shaun Downie
Evangelism	05/22/22	9:30 AM	Team 2 Ken
Sound	05/22/22	9:30 AM	Wilbanks/Greenwood
Ushers	05/22/22	9:30 AM	Halbert Team
Acolytes	05/29/22	9:30 AM	Blake Farr / Lance Holman / Katherine Johnson / Mary Johnson / Kaden Resendez
Carts	05/29/22	9:30 AM	Kriegel Team
Elders	05/29/22	9:30 AM	Chuck Hall / Scott Nitsch / Jason Stephens / Shaun Downie
Evangelism	05/29/22	9:30 AM	Team 3 James
Sound	05/29/22	9:30 AM	Greenwood
Ushers	05/29/22	9:30 AM	Downie Team





GO is a VBS experience for all ages!

Mon, Jun 13 – Wed, Jun 15, 2022

5:30 – 8:30 PM

About this event:

Christ left his disciples and the church with a last command. We call it the Great Commission: "GO therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." We are commanded to GO.

Nightly Schedule:

5:30 PM - Family Meal - Each evening will start with a delicious family meal and fellowship time. Dinner is served until 6:00 PM each night.

5:45 PM - World Crafts - Children will craft and learn a trade that will give them skills to support their mission work throughout the world

6:15 PM - Welcome & Introduction - Each night's theme will be introduced as we explore our missions around the world and here at home.

6:30 PM to 8:30 PM - VBS Program - Kids preschool age to Grade 5 (completed) participate in our VBS program. Our meet and greet will teach each night's theme, followed by music and plenty of play. Kids and teens (Grade 6 and through high school) will participate as group leaders.

Pastor Krieg will lead a study on the Great Commission for adults.

The VBS FINALE will take place at the conclusion of the VBS program on Wednesday evening.

Please RSVP before June 1st to guarantee a FREE T-SHIRT

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