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## OSLC Epistle, February 27, 2024

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## Lenten Schedule

Our Lenten Season starts with our Ash Wednesday Worship Service on February 14th at 6:30. Our Midweek Lenten service continues each Wednesday starting February 21st with a meal at 5:30 and worship service at 6:30. A sign-up sheet is posted in the Narthex to volunteer to bring soup, salad, or bread.



## Thanks To Everyone for All Their Hard Work

On Saturday, February 24th, a large group of dedicated volunteers met at the church for a Super Saturday of Mayhem and Destruction 😊! Seriously, we had a wonderful time pulling up and ripping out over twenty+ years of old and dying landscaping trees and plants. This was step #1 in our 2024 Plan to relandscape the entrance to the church. Everyone worked like tigers and had a wonderful time working and visiting with our OSLC family members. Thanks to everyone for all the equipment (up to and including a BACKHOE) they brought which made the hard work so much easier than we had expected it to be. Hugs and thanks to Gary Altbrandt , Kristin Blaise, Jeff and Susan Buntz, Richard Eck, Preston Graham, Carol Lattier, John Minster, Jan Moch, Todd and Carmen Nazario, A.J. Noecker, Ken Pontious, Helen Siebert, Travis and Tori Snyder and Bill Videtto. Who knew hard work could be so much fun?!

Be sure to check out our photos by clicking the button below.

## Spring Cleanup 2024



### Spring Break

There will be no Sunday School on March 10th and the 17th. Tyler schools are on spring break during that time.



## Would You Like to Provide a Plant?

Please take a moment and look at the Giving Tree poster for the relandscaping of the grounds that is in the Narthex. There is a list of prices for each plant with which we intent to fill these [soon-to-be] beautiful flowerbeds. This is a pay-as-we-go

project, so...if you wish, you may donate a tree, a bush or a flower. Just (1) take one of the little brown envelopes from the giving tree, (2) fill out the information, (3) put in your money or check and (4) drop it in the offering plate. If you don't want to pick a specific plant...we will still happily take your money!

(Luke 12:27)



## Quilts of Valor

On Sunday, February 18th we were blessed to host a Quilts of Valor event at OSLC. A special thank you to Becky Chambers for heading up this effort. The Quilts of Valor Foundation was formed in 2003 as a non-profit group of quilters from across the United States. Its sole mission is to honor our Service Members and Veterans touched by war with comfort and healing. This is a civilian award from a very thankful nation and individuals like those who gathered at OSLC. Four of our members were recognized for leaving all they held dear to serve, whether in time of crisis or in time of peace. The Quilt of Valor unequivocally says: *Thank you for your service, sacrifice and valor in serving our nation.*

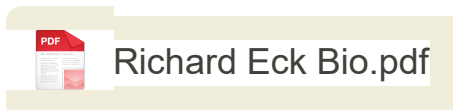
Learn more about Travis & Jana Snyder, John Ferguson, and Jim Anthony's service by reading the attached file.



## Tool Time

Remember the above named TV show starring Tim Allen? Well, OSLC has their own version of this long running series starring Richard Eck. If there is a task at hand, Richard normally has a tool to address it, if not, he buys one. This fits into his personal motto of, "You can never have too many tools".

You can read the full story by opening/clicking on the attached file.



## January-February Headlines

- Our greatest need, our only hope"—A Lenten message from Bishop Dan Selbo.
- NALC devotions for Lent, Holy Week and Easter.
- 2024 NALC Clergy Retreat.
- Kuwala Christian Girls School in Malawi, Africa.
- NALC Youth Gathering.
- Canadian Rockies Theological Conference.
- Navigating transition and embracing the vision.
- Ordination anniversaries.
- Recent ordinations.
- Congregational anniversaries.
- Freedom of living generously.
- Ministry update from Stephen and Rachel Katterhenrich.
- NALC Disaster Response Training and Retreat Center.
- New NALC offices in Texas.

Get all the news by clicking the button below.

## Jan/Feb News



## Meet Our Newest Members, Jason & Rachel Bothner

Jason grew up in Abilene, TX and was a Managing Partner at Texas Roadhouse where he has worked for 20 years. He enjoys playing softball and watching films.



Rachel grew up in Mustang, OK and graduated from The University of Oklahoma with a Bachelors degree in Secondary Science Education. She taught middle school science in Lewisville ISD 12 years before having kids. Rachel is an avid reader and loves to craft.

Jason and Rachel met in The Colony, TX and have been married 11 years. They moved to Maumelle (Little Rock), Arkansas for 7 years then moved to Tyler just over 2 years ago. They love playing board games as a family.

Max is 9 years old, in 4th grade, and is a swimmer for the Tyler Rose Aquatic Club. Fayth is 8 years old, in 2nd grade, and has recently started horseback riding.



## OSLC QUILTERS

On Tuesday, Feb 20th, the OSLC Quilters distributed over 155 finished quilts to charitable organization throughout the Tyler area. They provided quilts to the Tyler Police Department, the Tyler Fire Department, the Highway 80 Mission and Tyler Children's Services to name just a few of the many groups they visited with these warm and welcome tangible bits of love. They will never know exactly who benefits from a specific quilt; but our ladies take comfort in knowing that at some point each of these quilts will warm and comfort a member of our community in distress. It is the Quilter's way of passing on a little of the overflowing love that we enjoy so much at Our Saviour's.

The Quilters meet each Tuesday from 9 until 11. If you have a free morning and would like to see if tie-quilting is something you would enjoy, please join us. You will be met with a happy group that enjoys each other's company and enjoys giving back to our community.



## Regional Get-Together

The Texas-Oklahoma Mission Region of the North American Lutheran Church invite you to their first ***Regional Get-Together***, July 23-25, 2024, Cedarbrake Retreat Center, Temple, Texas.

It's time to gather our family from across the Region for food, fun, and fellowship! And, you'll be able to take some new learnings back to your congregation, too!

The North American Lutheran Church (NALC) is a denomination that is "Mission Driven" – one of our four Core Values – to preach the Gospel and make disciples for Christ. Only disciples can make disciples; therefore, discipleship is foundational to mission.

Guest Speaker: The Reverend David Keener, Director of Renewal and Discipleship for the NALC, will speak with us about the call to discipleship and the NALC's Life-to-Life Discipleship initiative.

The Get-Together will start with dinner on Tuesday evening and conclude with worship on Thursday morning.

Your registration includes accommodations, all meals, daily worship opportunities, keynote presentations, workshops, and activities.

Workshops include:

- \* Disaster Response Training with Michael Dittrich
- \* Drawing Closer to God through Prayer with Pastor Ralph Reitmeyer

Questions? Call Pastor Becky Thane (201-572-8073) or email [BeckyThane@aol.com](mailto:BeckyThane@aol.com)

***Space is limited! Register early to reserve your spot.***



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