

# OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

## JANUARY 2019

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### Bringing Christ to the people...the people to Christ



Dear Friends in Christ,

As we move into the New Year I'm filling out reports and evaluations for 2018. Various reports have asked questions about various aspects of our giving of the year. That has made me curious; I've been wondering what our total benevolence giving as a congregation for 2018 looked like. I've been wondering, if we listed out everything we gave – giving through the budget, donations to PATH, special gifts, food donations, what is the total amount that we as a congregation have given for others? So I did some figuring and here are the numbers that I've come up with.

**\$17,080** was our budget line item for benevolence. We split that amount between local work and work through the NALC. Half of our benevolence budget stays local and is overseen by our Social Ministry Committee. The other half is given to the NALC and ministries of the NALC.

So, half of \$17,080 is \$8540 and that was given to NALC related work. That giving included direct giving to support the work of the NALC, giving to our companion synod in Ethiopia, support for the Hispanic ministries in Dallas, and support for Sola Publishing House.

The other half, again \$8540, was overseen by our Social Ministry folks and was given to local needs and overseas needs, members in need, food drives in the Tyler community, PATH and its various outreaches, etc. Here is the listing of what our Social Ministry Committee has done in 2018:

*January- Haiti Education Foundation- \$300.00*

*February- Salvation Army- \$300.00*

*East Texas Food Bank- \$300.00*

*March- Meals on Wheels- \$300.00*

*Tyler Smith County Child Welfare Board- \$400.00*

*April- Bethesda \$300.00*

*Hope Haven of East Texas- \$300.00*

*May- St. Paul's Children Fund- \$300.00*

*Hands in Action Christian Association- \$300.00*

*June- HiWay 80 Rescue Mission- \$300.00*

*July- Church Under a Bridge- \$300.00*

*August- Refuge of Life- \$300.00*

*September- Pastor's Discretionary Fund- \$1000.00*

*October- Tyler Smith County Welfare Board- \$300.00*

*November- Samaritan's Purse- \$873.00 (Postage for 97 shoeboxes)*

*Azleway- \$300.00*

*December- Heifer International- \$1200.00*

*(4 treadle pumps @300.00 each)*

In addition to this benevolence through the budget, we have also done a good numbers of things outside of our budget. Here is a listing of additional things we have done:

**\$11,000** (approximately) was given in special gifts for those in need in our congregation and community.

**\$2850** was given in scholarships so that youth could attend Bible Camp at Lutherhill.

**\$165** was given to PATH's fan drive last summer.

**\$850** donated by the Primetimers to various charities in our local community.

**175 quilts** were made and donated by our quilters. Most of the quilts were given to the local police and fire department to help victims of accidents and home fires, to the Shriner's Hospital, and to the Children's Advocacy Center here in Tyler. (What a great ministry to our local community!)

**200 lbs. of food** were donated for our annual November drive for PATH.

**149 lbs of soup** were donated to PATH in the February Souper Sunday Drive.

**97 Christmas Shoe Boxes** filled with gifts for children all over the world.

**4 senior citizens were given gifts** for Christmas in our Christmas in the Neighborhood drive.

I'm impressed. I know we are Lutheran and are very concerned not to brag on ourselves. But I'm impressed. We gave over \$31,000 in cash and many other donations of food and gifts and needed items. That was a great 2018.

Let's keep up the good work in 2019. As Christians Jesus always calls us beyond ourselves into the needs of the community. Let's keep on growing in our giving!

And of course to you all – THANK YOU!

God Bless,  
Pastor Mark

### **Thank you**

Thank you to all who helped with our Advent and Christmas activities. It was a busy month, but a wonderful month. We had incredible participation. Thank you to all!

### **Thank you from Braatens**

Thank you for the cards and gifts and remembrances over the Holiday season. We very much appreciate your thoughtfulness!

### **Congregational Meeting**

Our annual meeting of the congregation will be on Sunday, January 27 at 11:15 a.m. The meeting will be followed by a congregational potluck dinner. 2018 has been an incredible year of ministry for OSLC; we want our congregational meeting to be a time of celebrating and thanking God for all He is doing!

## **Sunday School Resumes**

Sunday School classes for all ages resumes on Sunday, January 6.

## **Adult Forums on Jan. 13 and 20**

Our church council is going to host adult forums on Sunday, Jan. 13 and 20 during the Sunday School hour. The council will share with the congregation the proposed budget for 2019 and all the items on the agenda for the annual meeting. We've learned in past years that it is most important to have the congregation informed of all of this before the annual meeting. That gives people a chance to pray and reflect ahead of the meeting. Please come to these forums and share your input and thoughts.

## **Items for Annual Meeting - Submitted 2 Weeks in Advance**

Just a reminder; we changed our bylaws a few years ago to say that all items to be discussed at the annual meeting need to be submitted to the congregational president at least 2 weeks before the meeting. That allows adequate time for all items on the agenda to be presented to the congregation before the meeting. If you have any proposals or ideas for the annual meeting, please do submit them to Bill Hebb. Thank you for your input!

## **You Might Be Getting Two Newsletters This Month**

As you may know, we are in the process of changing over how we share our monthly newsletter. For years we have mailed out a paper copy of the newsletter. We are in the process of changing over to sending most people an electronic copy of the newsletter.

We have set up the electronic format of the newsletter, and it really looks quite good! So for this month and next, we are going on to send out both the paper copy to our entire mailing list, and the electronic copy to our flock notes list. This is a bit of a "trial run" for the electronic newsletter, and also a chance for you to see it and share your suggestion and ideas. By early 2019 we plan to have the electronic newsletter be our primary means of sharing.

And again, if you would prefer to receive a paper copy, please let the office know. We know that some of our members like the paper copy, and we will continue to send that out to all who would prefer that. Please let us know if that is what you would prefer.

## **Bible Camp Scholarship Fund**

One of our best youth ministries is sending youth to Bible Camp. It is an incredible and faith-growing experience. We have a scholarship fund to help youth who can't afford to attend camp. We don't want anyone to miss camp because of finances. If you would like to donate to this fund and help some youth attend camp, please write a check to the church and mark it for the "Bible Camp Scholarship Fund". Thank you.

## **Confirmation Resumes**

Confirmation begins again on Wednesday evening, January 9 at 6:30 p.m.

## **High School Retreat at Lutherhill**

High School youth, we are going to Lutherhill for a retreat again in 2019. The annual High School retreat will be Feb. 9-11. We will leave Friday evening and return late Sunday afternoon. This is a great time of worship, small groups, ultimate frisbee, and all sorts of fun. The cost for the gathering is going to be \$80. Please register with Courtney or Bailey if you plan to attend.

### **Prayer Chain**

We have an email prayer chain that works wonderfully. Thank you to all who share in this special ministry. If you are not presently on the prayer chain and would like to be, please call or email the church office and we will be sure you are added.

### **BYOB**

Just a reminder, we say that our worship services are BYOB. What we mean by that is “bring your own Bible”! We want our members faithfully using their bibles, please bring yours to worship with you and use it during worship. If you should forget, there are always extra Bibles available in the narthex.

### **Church Website**

Have you checked out our church website lately? If not, please do. It is a great website and we continue to update it and develop it. It is a great source of information for our members, and a great introduction for new members. Our website is to be found at [www.oslctyler.org](http://www.oslctyler.org)  
Also, Our Saviour's is on Facebook. Check us out!

### **Reminder – Cleaning Up**

Just a reminder to all of our groups – when you have an activity that uses the church kitchen, please bring out the garbage to the dumpster as you clean up. We depend on our members and groups to do this as we keep our kitchen clean. Thank you!

Also, if your group is the last group in the building, please be sure you turn off the coffee pots and lock the doors as you leave. We have had number of groups forget that lately.

### **Did You Know...?**

Just a few things that some of our members aren't aware of:

\*We have hearing aids in the sanctuary for worship. They are stored in the sound booth. Just ask an usher for assistance.

\*Council minutes are posted each month on the bulletin board going into the fellowship hall.

\*The daily devotional “Christ in our Homes” is available in the church entry area.

### **Sales Tax on Congregational Purchases**

We thought it was time to run a reminder that we run every few years. If you purchase supplies or materials for the congregation, please do not pay sales tax. Purchases for the congregation are tax exempt. We have a tax exempt form; it is available in both Debbie and Pastor Mark's office. Pick up a form before you shop; when you check out just give the clerk the form. There is no paperwork or things to sign. It is quite simple and does save the church some money.

Thanks for your help with this!

### **Primetimers**

Primetimers has decided to slow the pace for January after the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season. The January meeting scheduled for January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 will beginning at 1PM at OSLC.

There will be an afternoon of watching Christian DVD's and munching on snacks while watching the films. Everyone is to bring a snack (popcorn etc.) to share. The DVD's chronicle the lives of Peter, Stephen, James, Timothy and many others who were the early followers of Jesus. Who was Jesus & what was it like to be in His presence? In the time that He physically walked among mankind, what was His purpose? What is the purpose of our lives now? Mark your calendars and do note the time change. Bring friends for some fantastic Christianfellowship. There is nothing to obligate you or no one to intimidate you, just great Christian friends to welcome you. Remember we are the “most caring Primetimers in the world”.

### “Pop Tops”

Have you noticed that in our church narthex, we have a large jar for the collection of the aluminum tops from soda cans? We have been doing that collecting for quite a few years now. We collect the “pop tops” and then donate them to the Ronald McDonald’s House, a charity that provides housing for family members who are visiting in hospitals. It is a great charity and one of their fundraisers is to collect these tops. We recently donated a huge amount (one of the biggest donations they have ever seen) to the Ronald McDonald House in Dallas.

We invite all of our member and friends to share in this. Just save your pop tops and bring them to church. Thank you for your support; this has been a good ministry for us for a good number of years now!

### Social Ministry—January 2019

The Social Ministry Committee follows the mandates of scripture to serve others, especially those who are ill, hungry, troubled, suffering injustice, or lacking basic needs. Each month, we will include a brief description of the organization (s) that our donations target.

**Contributions:** In January, we made a contribution to the Haiti Education Foundation.

**Christmas In The Neighborhood:** The annual “Christmas In The Neighborhood” project included generous contributions of requested items and gift cards. Thank you all so very much for, once again, helping make this a joyful Christmas for four senior citizens. These recipients are suggested to us by “Meals on Wheels”. They are from our local community and do not have family.

**PATH Canned Soup Drive:** In February we will collect canned soups for PATH.

**Quilters:** The Quilters are pleased to have quilted wall hangings. These are for sale. If you are interested in any of these, please contact Linda Tumino or Helen Siebert.

The Quilters are always looking for new members. Anyone who is interested, please join us any Tuesday morning. We meet from 9:00 to 11:30 with a coffee break at 10:00. No experience is necessary. Only a desire to learn is required.

### Direct Deposit

Did you know that you can do your offerings by direct deposit? We have been set up with Vanco Corporation through Thrivent Insurance for a number of years. We have a good number of people who are using this. If you would like to explore this possibility, please call the church office or pick up the information papers in the narthex.

### THE FAMILY CIRCUS



“Yesterday is the past, tomorrow is the future, but today is a gift.  
That’s why it’s called the present.”

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## JANUARY 2019 WORSHIP SERVERS

	Feast of the Epiphany 1st Sunday	Baptism of Our Lord 2nd Sunday	Second Sunday After the Epiphany 3rd Sunday	Third Sunday After the Epiphany 4th Sunday	Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany 1st Sunday
<b>2019</b>	Jan. 6	Jan. 13	Jan. 20	Jan. 27	Feb. 3
Altar Guild	Jan Moch	Carol Lattier	Joni LeBlanc	Carol Lattier	Jan Moch
	Susan Buntz	Sherry Towns	Sandra Hawthorne	Virginia Coker	Susan Buntz
	Audrey Cameron	Connie Lucas	Jennifer Videtto	Kimberly Butler	Audrey Cameron
		Ed Lucas		Michelle Smith	
			<b>10:00 Worship Service</b>		
LMC & Usher	Ryan Gibbs	Erin Henriksen	Sally Dengerud	Connie Gibbs	Robert Henriksen
Usher	Milo Miles	Bob Tardiff	Cliff Dengerud	Terry Gibbs	Nicholas Henriksen
Acolyte	Ben Snyder	Abby Gibbs & MacKenzie Davis	Grayson Sartor	Addie Sartor & Makenzie LeRoy	Ben Snyder
Reader	Travis Snyder	Mary Ferguson	Becky Chambers	Kristin Blaise	Travis Snyder
Communion Assistants	Susan Buntz	Jana Snyder	Ed Lattier	Amy Norris	Susan Buntz
	Dee Miles	Jan Moch	Ken Pontious	Blaine Davis	Dee Miles
	Audrey Cameron	Max Lewis	Cheryl Pontious	Jana Coke	Audrey Cameron
Projectionist	Toby Fite	Toby Fite	Toby Fite	Toby Fite	Toby Fite

PLEASE NOTE: If you cannot serve in your scheduled worship service position, **please find a substitute so that the position is filled.**  
Then call the office at (903-561-1865) so that the right server can be shown on that week's bulletin.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9:00 Quilters 12:00 AA Meeting	2 Embroiderer's Guild: 9-3	3 10:00 Bible Study 12:00 AA Meeting 6:00 CODA 6:00 ACA Meeting	4 No Activities Scheduled	5 12:00 AA Meeting
6 9:00 Sunday School 9:00 Adult Bible Study 9:15 Choir 10:00 Worship	7 No Activities Scheduled	8 9:00 Quilters 12:00 AA Meeting	9 6:30 Confirmation	10 10:00 Bible Study 12:00 Primetimers 12:00 AA Meeting 6:00 CODA 6:00 ACA Meeting	11 No Activities Scheduled	12 12:00 AA Meeting
13 9:00 Sunday School 9:00 Adult Forum 9:15 Choir 10:00 Worship	14 No Activities Scheduled	15 9:00 Quilters 12:00 AA Meeting DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES @ 10AM	16 No Activities Scheduled	17 10:00 Bible Study 12:00 AA Meeting 6:00 CODA 6:00 ACA Meeting	18 No Activities Scheduled	19 9-3 Embroiderer's Guild 12:00 AA Meeting
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# NALC

North American Lutheran Church



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### Staff:

Senior Pastor.....Rev. Dr. Mark Braaten  
 Parish Administrator.....Debbie Miller  
 Financial Administrator.....Carol Lattier  
 Organist/Keyboardist.....Dr. Jaeyong Lee

### Mission Statement

*“ Bringing Christ  
 To the people,  
 And the people  
 To Christ. ”*

### Sunday Schedule

9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
 9:15 a.m. Choir & Music Practice  
 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study  
 10:00 a.m. Worship Service

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