

OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

April 2019 Newsletter

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Dear Friends in Christ,

I want to bring you up to speed on our prayer chain here at Our Saviour's. We have a prayer chain and it has worked well for years. We are now in the process of doing some exciting evolving and expanding. Let me update you on this.

We have here at OSLC what we call a prayer chain. It is group of people who have agreed to pray for needs of the congregation. The name comes from the olden days when prayer requests were passed along by telephone. We had an actual list or chain of people who had agreed to pray. When a prayer request came in to the church, the office would call the first person on the list. That person would then call the next person, and right on down the list. It was a way of getting people to pray for needs as we learned of them and it worked well for many years.

We updated this prayer chain concept a number of years ago. Now we simply keep an email list of all the people who have agreed to pray. When a prayer request comes in, we send it out by email. It is much faster and more accurate. But the concept is the same; we have a group of people who intentionally spend time praying for needs in the congregation.

We are continuing to evolve and grow our prayer chain. Those of you on the prayer chain may have noticed these changes. For many years the prayer chain was focused on praying for needs in the congregation. When members were hospitalized, when there was a crisis or concern, we added it the prayer chain. And of course we continue to do that. Any and all requests that come in are added to the list. We want our prayer list to be a means of undergirding our members in times of crisis and need.

But we are also expanding what we are praying for. In addition to the needs of individual members, we are now sending out requests to pray for our whole congregation. We pray for the congregation's mission and vision. We pray for the groups in the congregation – Sunday School, the church council, our Primetimers. We have expanded even more – we are asking for prayers for the NALC and our bishop; we are asking for prayers for partner ministries and partner congregations. We pray for our nation and for needs that arise in a variety of places. We have intentionally expanded our focus.

We are intentionally expanding our prayer chain into a prayer team. One of the foundations for a healthy congregation is a team or group of people who are regularly praying for the congregation. We have that group in our prayer chain. And so we are utilizing this group for more and more of the prayer work in the congregation.

Now of course we ask other groups to pray. During the Wednesday nights of Advent and Lent we have people praying together before worship. We ask all of our groups to take time for prayer. But this prayer chain is such a gift, such an opportunity for ongoing prayer. We have people who have agreed to be in prayer for the needs and visions of our congregation and beyond. And so we are utilizing that in greater and greater ways.

Thank you to everyone who serves on our prayer chain. Your work is foundational for who we are. And if you would like to join the prayer chain, just call or email me or the church office. We will gladly add you to the list. We intend to keep right on praying as we continue to grow into all that our Lord has in store for us!

God Bless,
Pastor Mark

SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK

Palm/Passion Sunday, April 14	9:00 a.m. – Sunday School 10:00 a.m. – Worship
Maundy Thursday, April 18	6:00 p.m. – Stew Supper 7:00 p.m. – Worship with Holy Communion
Good Friday, April 19	7:00 p.m. – Worship
EASTER, April 21	8:15 a.m. – Worship outdoors! 9:00 a.m. – Breakfast 10:00 a.m. – Worship celebration!

Two notes on Holy Week. Note that on Maundy Thursday we are trying something new. We will have a stew dinner before worship. And on Easter Sunday, we are going to add an early service. We will have an 8:15 service outside in our pavilion. We did this last year and had great fun!

Easter Breakfast

Our High School Youth will again be serving breakfast on Easter. The breakfast will be served from 9:00 a.m. until 10:00. The menu will include eggs, rolls, coffee, and orange juice. The cost is a free will donation. All proceeds will be used for our Youth Ministries. Be sure to come for a great breakfast and to support our youth!

Midweek Lenten Activities

We offer special Wednesday evening activities during the Lenten season. Here is our Wednesday schedule:

6:00 p.m. – Soup Supper – We share a simple meal of soup and salad. Please come for a time of fellowship and food. Also, please sign up to help with a supper!

6:30 p.m.—Congregational Prayer Time - Please mark this Lenten season by joining with others in prayer for our congregation.

7:00 p.m. — Lenten Worship - We begin with a Bible Study lead by Pastor Mark on the Gospel of John's account of the Passion and execution of Jesus. We conclude with a simple Lenten service with confession of sin, prayers and liturgy.

Mockingbird Conference in Tyler

Each year Tyler hosts a Mockingbird Conference, which is a marvelous two day event of theology, worship and music. This year the conference will be Friday, April 5 through

Saturday April 6. It will be downtown, at Christ Episcopal Church on Friday and at the Foundry on Saturday. The theme for this year is – The Future of Grace! (What a great theme for Lutherans!) For more details please go to www.mbirdtyler.com

CityFest Tyler 2019

Planning is underway for a huge event called CityFest 2019. The intent is to pull congregations and Christians from across Tyler together in a huge celebration of worship and proclamation. Cityfest will be the weekend of Oct. 5-6. Please mark your calendars now. We will be sharing more information as the event gets closer.

Sanctuary remodeling committee

We announced at the annual congregational meeting in January the formation of a remodeling committee for the purpose of upgrading the sanctuary with some funds we have remaining in our building accounts. Seven people volunteered to participate on that committee. The money is limited, so the committee is working hard to come up with the best quality they can achieve for a few items rather than so-so quality for a lot of items. (In house labor will be utilized where possible also.)

The committee has 7 members and is led by Carmen Nazario. The other members are: Karin Davis, Michelle Smith, Helen Siebert, Jan Moch, Jennifer Videtto and Kimberly Butler.

Please keep these ladies in your prayers as they are spending their time and energy toward making your worship at Our Saviour's more enriching.

Dates for Day Camp

Our annual Day Camp with Lutherhill will be July 14-19. Our Day Camp is for children age 3 through the 6th grade.

Did you Know????

Sometimes our senior citizens need a little temporary help paying for their medications or medical devices. Did you know that Our Saviour's has a fund that is designed to aid our senior citizens in need?

Traditionally in the Lutheran Church, the congregation financially assists our members who are called to ministry and attend the Lutheran seminaries. Did you know that Our Saviour's has a special seminary fund that provides tuition and travel subsidies for our seminary students?

If you would like to contribute to these funds, please write "Seniors" or "Seminary" on your check or envelope. If you have questions on any of our special funds, please contact Pastor Mark or any church council member.

Bible Found in Church Office

A very nice leather Bible was left in the office a few weeks ago. It does not have a name in it nor has anyone come to claim it. It has a brown, leather cover with large print inside. If you have misplaced a Bible, please check in the office to see if this one is yours. The Bible is on the ledge on the desk.

Social Ministry

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: Contributions in April were made to Hope Haven and Bethesda Health Clinic.

PATH: A donation was made to help purchase a new delivery vehicle 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.

On March 6th, the Quilters delivered 175 quilts to these local groups: The Fire Department, The Police Department, Schriners' Scottish Rite and Children's Advocacy Center.

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.

Debbie's Office Hours

We published Debbie's hours in the last newsletter, but these hours failed to reflect the flexibility we have built into her office schedule. The following are her hours, and leave a few hours for her to be flexible around the church's needs and/or the needs of the congregants:

Monday: 12:00 – 2:00

Tuesday: 10:00 – 2:00

Wednesday 10:00 – 2:00

If you have a need to come to the church, whether to see Debbie or simply be sure the church is unlocked, please call Debbie and she will work with you to accommodate a schedule that works for you.

PRIMETIMERS

We are in the middle of Lent heading toward Easter and officially in spring. Our next get-together is on April 11, 2019 at 12 noon at OSLC. The luncheon is to be potluck with a designated menu of chicken, salad, and dessert. The program will be our own Glory Gopinath who will be telling us about her recent trip to her native India.

Hostesses for the day will be Mary Thompson and Carol Lattier. **Please watch for changes, and/or additions to these plans.**

Mark your calendars. This is an excellent time to bring friends for some fantastic Christian fellowship. 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". Bring your favorite chicken, salad or dessert and come prepared for a most enjoyable and rewarding afternoon.

Large Bulletins

We print a number of large bulletins with larger print in them each week. If you prefer a large bulletin, be sure to let the usher know. If you notice that there are not enough and you wanted one, please call the office (903-561-1865) and let us know. We will be happy to print more of these if needed!

APRIL 2019 WORSHIP SERVERS

2019	FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT	PALM SUNDAY	RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
	1st Sunday April 7	2nd Sunday April 14	3rd Sunday April 21	4th Sunday April 28	1st Sunday May 5
LMC & Usher	Ryan Gibbs	Robert Henriksen	Bob Tardiff	Sally Dengerud	Ryan Gibbs
Usher	Milo Miles	Nicholas Henriksen	Ezrah Johnson Ed Lattier	Cliff Dengerud	Milo Miles
Acolyte	Ben Snyder	Jonah Rhodes	Ean Hollenbeck	Abby Gibbs & Mackenzie Davis	Jonah Rhodes
Reader	Travis Snyder	Mary Ferguson	Audrey Cameron	Carmen Nazario	Becky Chambers
Communion	Susan Buntz	Jana Snyder	Max Lewis	Amy Norris	Susan Buntz
Assistants	Dee Miles	Cheryl Pontious	Blaine Davis	Ed Lattier	Dee Miles
	Audrey Cameron	Ed Lattier	Jan Moch	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	2	3 LENT 6:00 Soup & Salad 6:30 Prayer 7:00 Worship	4	5	6
		9:00 Quilters 12:00 AA Meeting	6:00 Bible Study 12:00 AA Meeting 6:00 CODA 6:00 ACA Meeting	No Activities Scheduled	12:00 AA Meeting	
7	8	9	10 LENT 6:00 Soup & Salad 6:30 Prayer 7:00 Worship	11	12	13
9:00 Sunday School 9:00 Adult Bible Study 9:15 Choir 10:00 Worship	6:30 Council Meeting	9:00 Quilters 12:00 AA Meeting	10:00 Bible Study 12:00 AA Meeting 6:00 CODA 6:00 ACA Meeting	No Activities Scheduled	12:00 AA Meeting	
14 PALM SUNDAY 9:00 Sunday School 9:00 Adult Bible Study 9:15 Choir 10:00 Worship	16	17	18 MAUNDY THURS. 10:00 Bible Study 12:00 AA Meeting 6:00 CODA 6:00 ACA Meeting	19 GOOD FRIDAY	20 EASTER EGG HUNT Easter Egg Hunt 10:00	
THE START OF HOLY WEEK	21	22	23	24	25	26
21 EASTER 9:00 Sunday School 9:00 Adult Forum 9:15 Choir 10:00 Worship	6:30 Council 10:00 DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES	9:00 Quilters 12:00 AA Meeting	No Activities Scheduled	10:00 Bible Study 12:00 AA Meeting 6:00 CODA 6:00 ACA Meeting	No Activities Scheduled	12:00 AA Meeting
28	29	30				
9:00 Sunday School 9:00 Adult Bible Study 9:15 Choir 10:00 Worship	No Activities Scheduled	9:00 Quilters 11:30 Social Ministry 12:00 AA Meeting				