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Here is the latest news for Our Saviour's Lutheran Church!



A Message from the Church Council

This coming Sunday, Pastor will announce the suggestion of a short term suspension of handshaking during the “share the peace” and urge people to utilize “other” methods of acknowledgement: aka, fist bump, peace sign, toe tap, etc. in response to the spread of COVID-19.

Presently, OSLC will continue services unless and/or until either the public schools suspend classes or the city Govt. urges the suspension of all public meetings. If that happens, we will revert to an on-line service - more to follow on that if in fact it proves necessary to do it.

Lastly, please use common sense and good hygiene. If you are sick or have a fever, please stay home. Wash your hands, use hand sanitizer (we have plenty of that at church.) Let's continue to be careful!



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 will begin with a study of the Small Catechism, then conclude with a simple Lenten service of confession of sin, prayers, and liturgy.



Sunday, March 22 – Potluck Dinner

On Sunday, March 22, we will have a potluck dinner after worship. We will be receiving new members on that day, it will be a special day. We will lift up the celebration with a potluck dinner.



Adult Sunday School

We are going to try something different for our Adult Sunday School Class. We are going to go topical – each week we will look at a different topic of faith. If you have some ideas you would like to address, please talk to Pastor Mark. Here is our upcoming schedule:

- Sunday, March 15 – Prayer
- Sunday, March 22 – Baptism – we will look at question like - why do we baptize infants, why don't we have total immersion, etc.
- Sunday, March 29 – How did the Bible Come to Be? We will look at questions like:
 - Who decided what books are in the bible and which aren't?
 - Why is the Gospel of Matthew in the Bible but not the Gospel of Thomas?
 - Why do the Roman Catholic have more books in their Bible than Lutherans?

This should be a fun class!

- Sunday, April 5- The Role of Women in the Church – some denominations don't ordain women or even give them a vote in congregational affairs. We do. What does the Bible say?



Reception of New Members

We will be receiving new members on Sunday, March 22.



Congregation-Wide Garage Sale – Thank You!

Last Saturday was our congregation's garage sale. We had an incredible day. Thank you to everyone who donated and who came and shopped. A special thank you to Karen Braaten for all her working in heading this up. All proceeds from the garage sale will be used for our fund to help senior citizens and those in need in our congregation.



Mockingbird Conference in Tyler

Each year Tyler hosts a Mockingbird Conference, which is a marvelous three-day event of theology, worship, and music. This year the conference will be Friday, April 3 through Sunday April 5. It will be downtown Tyler. The theme for this year is – Take it Easy! Celebrating the God of Grace and Comfort. For more details please go to www.mbirdtyler.com



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Egyptian Coptic Worship – Saturday, March 14

The Egyptian Coptic congregation will worship here on Saturday, March 14 from 8:30 until about 2:00.



Collecting Clothing for India

Glory Gopinath is one of our members. She is originally from India. Her home area has a great deal of poverty. Glory is starting a project to send clothing to her home area. She will be leading a collection here at OSLC. We will collect gently used men's and children's clothing and then ship them to India. Please bring your donation to the church.



PRIMETIMERS

What a great February meeting we had with record attendance of 40+ and a fantastic speaker. This will be a hard act to follow, but here are the plans for March.

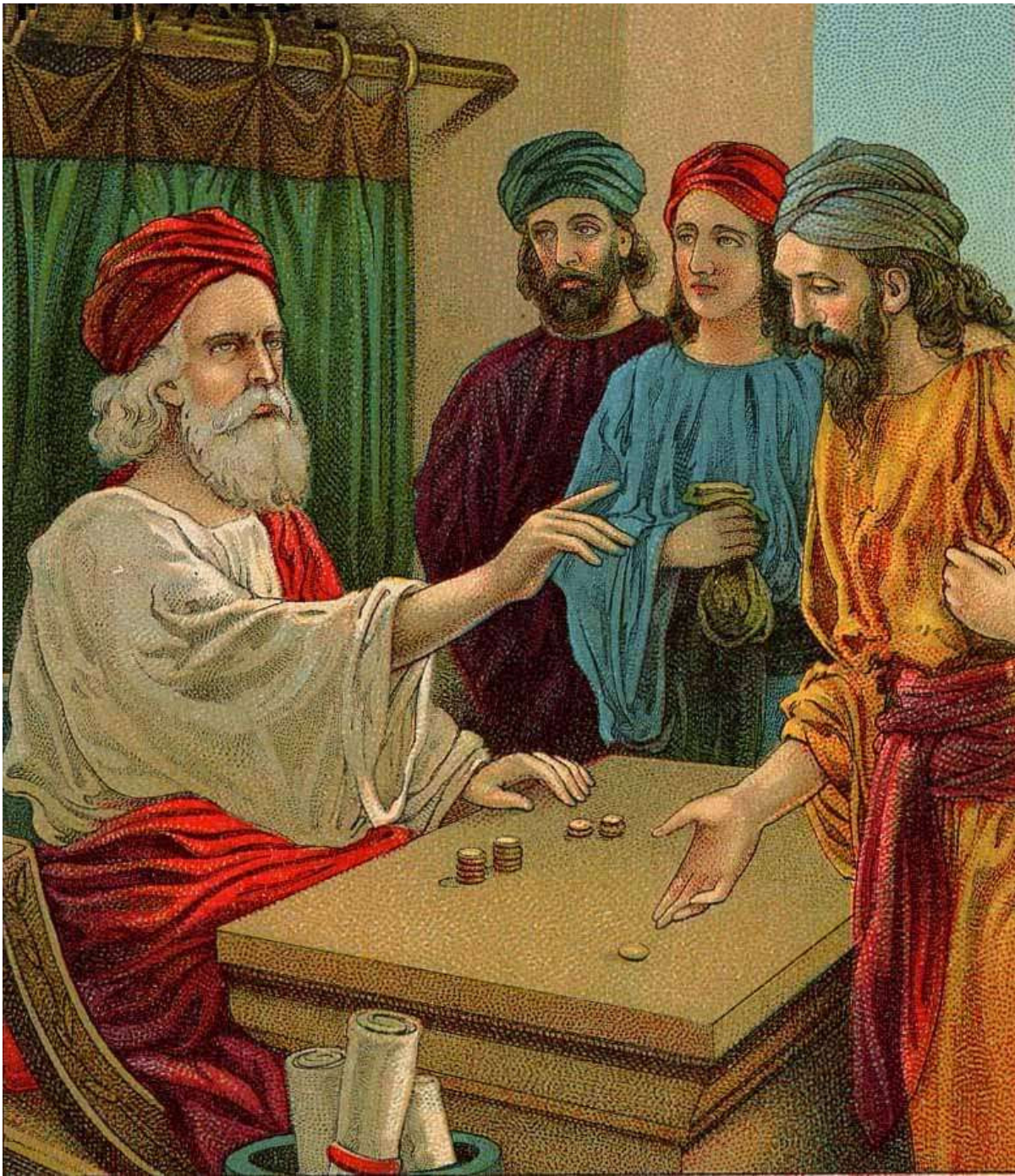
The March meeting will be March 12th, 2020 at 12 noon at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. The luncheon menu will be pizza, salad, and dessert. The pizza will be provided. Attendees are to bring salad or dessert.

Instead of a speaker this month, we will have an activity entitled "Who's Who". Each attendee is to provide a picture or copy of a picture of him/herself that does not look like him/her now. It could be a baby picture, a school picture, a snap shot; just as long as it doesn't look like him/her now. Please get the picture to Mary Ferguson before March 9th so that the pictures can be displayed on a board. You may email, snail mail, or give the picture to her in person. Do not put your name on the picture because the activity will be for each person to identify "Who's Who". This will be a contest with a prize for the person identifying the most pictures correctly.

Hostesses for the meeting are Theresa Ford, Mary Thompson, and Donna Bowers. It is important to RSVP to Mary Ferguson by March 9th so that an adequate amount of pizzas can be ordered.

Contact info for Mary Ferguson: email is mkvjhf@aol.com; snail mail is 4353 Madera Dr., Tyler, TX 75707; phone is 903-565-6607.

Mark your calendars and do 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".



Request for pictures

Do you have any pictures of our recent stewardship activities on the parable in Matthew 25, either of items you sold or of tables and displays in the narthex? The NALC is going to publish an article of what we did in their national newsletter, and they would like some pictures.

If you have any pictures, please email them to Pastor Mark at mbraaten@oslctyler.org



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