

Weekly Update from Our Saviour's Lutheran Church – July 20, 2020

Dear Friends in Christ,

Let me share with you a Bible passage this week. It is from 1st Peter, and good advice for Christians at all times, and especially in times of challenge like ours.

Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace ... in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To Him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.
1st Peter 4:8-11

We live in challenging times. I had been hoping that by now things would be getting easier. It seems rather that there are still lots of challenges ahead. But as Christians this become a time for ministry and care. People desperately need the love, the hospitality, the gifts that we can offer. May we continue onward, rooted in the promises and love of God, and looking to the needs of our neighbors. In that Christ truly is glorified.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Mark

Congratulations Jaeyong and Jessica

We are excited to share the news that our organist and music director, Jaeyong Lee, is engaged to Jessica Greene. They will be married on July 25. Please remember Jaeyong and Jessica in your prayers on this special occasion.

Online Worship

A reminder, OSLC now offers two different online worship formats each week. We are continuing to offer the shorter, more devotional format that we have done for the past 4 months. And just in the last few weeks we have started livestreaming the entire worship service. Please watch the format that you prefer.

We are having a few technical challenges as we work with this new online service. We apologize for problems in the broadcast. Please know that we are working hard on straightening all this out.

Walls to Bridges Worship Service

Walls to Bridges is a group of pastors in Tyler that works to bridge racial divides in our city. It is a great group, dedicated to sharing and celebrating in Jesus. They are hosting a worship service for the entire community on Friday evening, July 24. It will be an outdoor service on the Square in downtown Tyler at 6:00 p.m. Come and join with Christians from across our city to praise God and to prayer for Tyler and our nation.

Just a note, at this time we are assuming that the worship service is still on as scheduled. If that changes due to concerns with the pandemic, we will try to let you know.

A further note, a number of folks from Our Saviour's have suggested that it would be fun to meet up at this service with other folks from Our Saviour's. If you would like to do that, we are suggesting that at a little before 7, please meet in the northeast corner of the Square, across from the KLTV building and under the trees in that area.

Online NALC Mission Convocation

Every year in August the NALC holds a Mission Convocation. Delegates and pastors from all the congregations in the NALC gather to worship, renew, and do the business of the national church. Each year we send one or two delegates and Pastor Mark.

This year, due to health concerns resulting from the coronavirus pandemic, the NALC will not be able to meet in person. The convocation will instead be on line. The good news about this is that you are all invited to check it out! All of our members can be part of all of the whole event or a segment. Our church council will appoint one voting delegate, but everyone can join in. This events really are fun. The NALC has intentionally focused on worship and proclamation and renewal at the convocation. The intent is to "fire up the church". Please consider joining. Here is some preliminary information:

The 2020 NALC Mission Convocation will meet online in two sessions Aug. 7-8 under the theme "2020 Vision." The online meetings will be held 5-8 pm. CT on Friday, Aug. 7, and 1-5 p.m. CT on Saturday, Aug. 8. Arrangements have been made so that there can be online discussion and voting. A major focus of the convocation will be the 2020 Vision prepared by Bishop Dan Selbo.