

Weekly Update from Our Saviour's Lutheran Church – August 17, 2020

Dear Friends in Christ,

As you know, we are in the process of reopening activities at OSLC. We have been doing that for a few months and will continue to do so as we move forward. We've reopened worship, both inside and out, we've resumed bible study on Thursday morning, the quilters are meeting. We still have a ways to go to get to full speed, but we are moving.

Just a reminder, one of the keys to our reopening is being sure we keep everyone safe. And one of the ways we are doing that is to ask everyone inside the building to wear a facemask. Now let me quickly say that in our culture that has become politicized, and I know there are a variety of arguments about this. We aren't trying to make any kind of a political statement. We simply believe that wearing facemasks is a helpful way of keeping people safe. It is a way of taking care of our neighbors and we are committed to that. (And of course let me add for infants and for people who have a medical condition that prohibits you from wearing a mask, we understand that you will not.) But for the rest of us, let's keep doing it. We really are doing well with this, but I think it helpful to share some reminders now and then. As a basic rule of thumb, when you are in the building, please do wear a mask.

I know that masks can be hot and uncomfortable, and mine never seem to fit quite right. But they help. Thank you for your help with this.

God Bless,
Pastor Mark

Looking for Change

We have a new idea for sharing ministry here in East Texas. We are going to put out a container in the church and ask for you to donate your loose change. We will label the container "Looking for Change" and leave it out for 4 to 6 weeks. Please donate any loose change you have. All the money collected will be used to support either PATH or the East Texas Food Bank.

We figure we can do a couple of important things with this.

First, we will put some change back in circulation. We keep reading reports that the government is short of coins and needs to put some back into use. We will help with this.

Second, we will help to feed people. As our nation and area continue to struggle with unemployment, we as the church will continue to help. All proceeds will be given to those in need. We are asking for change, but if you drop in a bill or two we will use that also!

So, we are literally "Looking for Change". Please bring and drop off your coins at the church. And thank you!

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 5 months. And we are also offering the entire worship service, which we know many of our members have

been waiting for. Please watch the format that you prefer. Both formats can be found through our church webpage – www.oslctyler.org

Thank you to everyone who has worked so hard on making this happen.