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**Our Savior's Lutheran Church**

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



More News On Holy Week

Procession with Palms

The liturgy for this Sunday - the first day of Holy Week – is in two parts. It begins with a procession with palms as a dramatic prelude to the Eucharist: this memorable and majestic ceremony gives the nickname “Palm Sunday” to the day. The service itself is a celebration of the Passion (suffering) of Christ, a highlight of which is the reading

of the passion account from the Gospel of Luke. As a prelude to the reading of the passion, the procession with palms provides an appropriate outburst of joy which does not lose sight of the solemn goal of Jesus' triumphal entry. He rides on to die. The somberness of the passion, which is the focus of Holy Week, is thus framed by the joy of the preparatory procession and by the greater joy of Easter which is its purpose and culmination.

Therefore, when you enter the narthex this Sunday you will find the palm fronds waiting. Please take one and, if you desire, you can take your seat in the sanctuary. But if you are able, please take a palm frond and stay in the narthex (or the west aisle) until the service starts and we process into the sanctuary waving our palms! This commemorates the Lord's entry into Jerusalem and has been observed in this fashion since the fourth century. As Philip Pfatteicher writes, "Ritually and symbolically the church becomes Jerusalem for the time of the service, and Jesus again enters his city. The past becomes present and the future is foreshadowed when Jesus will lead his people into the new Jerusalem, the heavenly city in which the Easter celebration will find its fulfillment."

We will enter the sanctuary in two rows. If you normally sit on the right side then line up on that side; the same with those who sit on the left, line up with the left hand group. We will proceed up the aisle toward the altar before each row splits off to the right or the left. Then each group will move to the outer wall of the nave and go back down the outer aisle; then each group starts back up toward the altar with each family leaving the procession as you arrive at your pew.

Children's Lesson

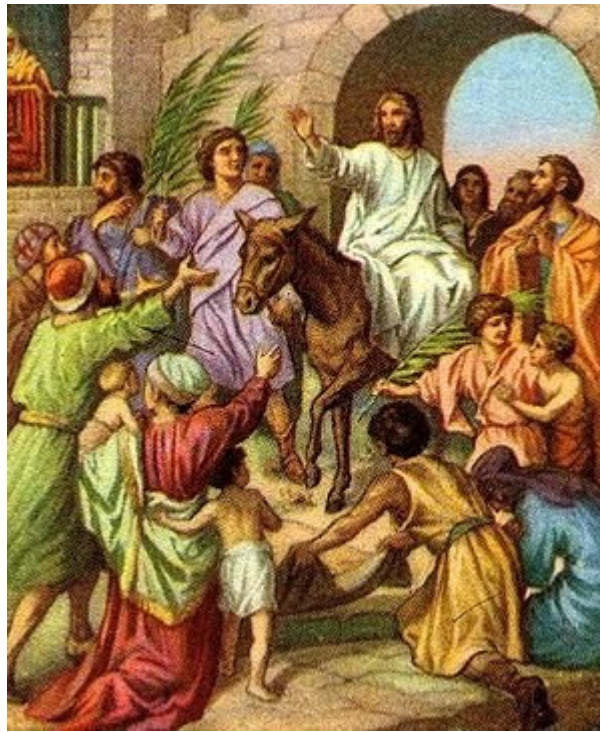
Please note that the children's lesson will be suspended for this Sunday since they will be engaged in the congregational processional. Parent's, make sure you help them understand the significance of this event before arriving at church on Sunday.

Time Change

Also note that we have moved the time for the early service for Easter morning to 8:00 to allow ample time to eat breakfast together and catch up on what God has been doing in our families.

Indoor Services

Finally, both services on Easter Sunday will take place in the sanctuary. We look forward to returning to an outdoor Sunrise Service next year.



Mark Your Calendars for Holy Week!

The 2022 Lenten Season has one more Sunday, April 3rd.

Beyond this season we follow Jesus Christ our Savior ...

... to His triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

... to the Passover with His disciples, where He institutes the Holy Supper of His body and blood.

... to the climax of His earthly pilgrimage, His suffering and death on the Cross, where He, the Lamb of God and the Hope of the world, takes away the sin of the world.

... to the tomb of His burial, under imperial seal and guard.

... to the empty tomb and the empty shroud, and to celebrate the Feast of the Resurrection.

Sunday, April 10 at 10:00 a.m.

Palm Sunday / Sunday of the Passion

Christ's Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

Worship Service with Procession of Palms

Thursday, April 14 at 7:00 p.m.

Holy Thursday (Maundy Thursday)

Christ's Institution of the Supper of His Body and Blood

Worship Service with Stripping of the Altar

Friday, April 15 at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday

The Crucifixion and Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord
Tenebrae (Service of Darkness) Meditation on the Passion of Our Lord

Sunday, April 17 at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Easter Day

Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord

Breakfast will be provided between the services.
(Free-will donations accepted)

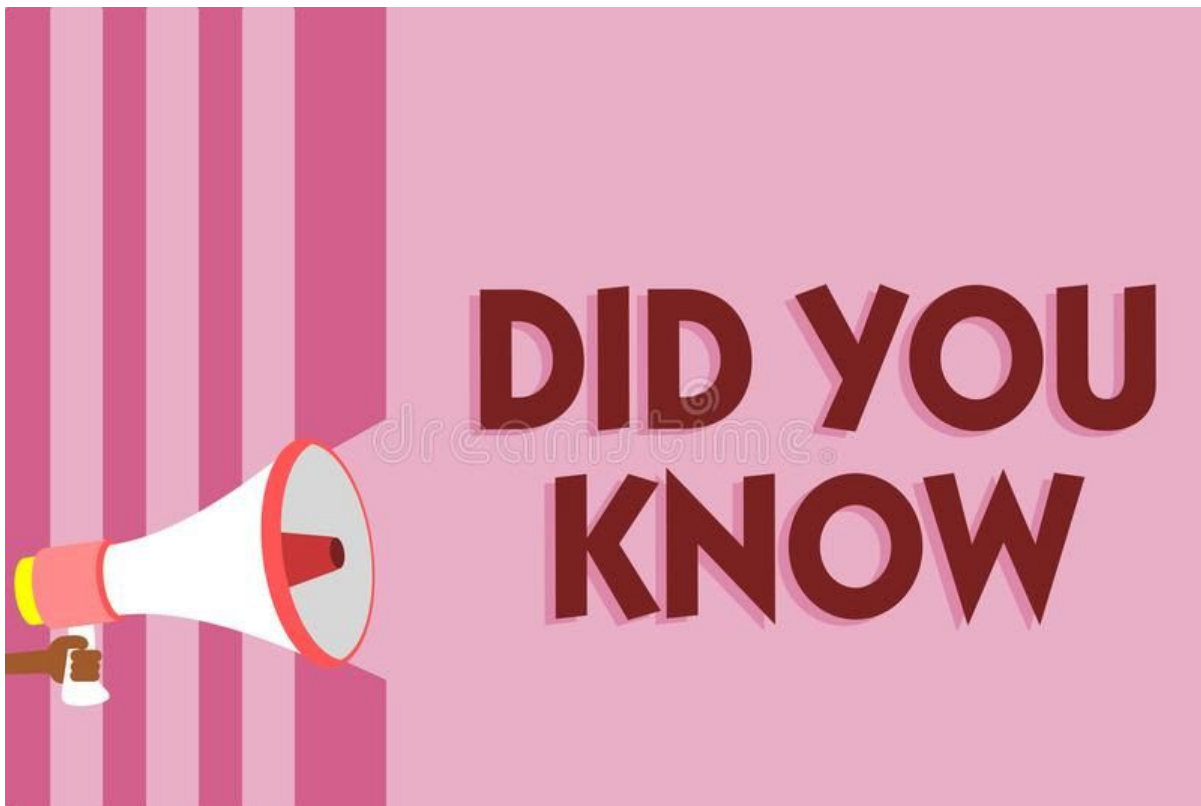


March Headlines

- Area assistants to the bishop are appointed by Bishop Selbo.
- Spiritual Orphans Network is helping to serve those impacted by war in Ukraine.
- Letter from Bishop Selbo on war in Ukraine.
- How to help Ukrainian refugees.
- Nominations sought for positions to be elected at 2022 Convocation.
- Mekane Yesus Seminary building project update.
- "The Attraction of the Cross" — Message from Bishop Dan Selbo.
- Congregations ratify NALC constitutional amendments.
- Pastor Shelly Schultz is named NALC call process coordinator.
- Retreat for vocational discernment at Trinity School for Ministry.
- NALC Executive Council update.
- Living and Giving Stewardship Team meets to plan resources.
- 2020 Vision further exemplifies Congregationally Focused Core Value.
- Small and rural church ministry course is offered online.
- NALC Life-to-Life Discipleship: An experience in intentional discipleship for congregations.
- Living and Giving Stewardship Team meets to plan resources.
- NALC youth serving in love.

- Where is God in a disaster?
- 2022 NALC Pastors' Conference considers real-life apologetics.
- Remember the pastor's spouse — Ministry Matters from Pastor David Wendel.
- NEXUS Institute seeks to raise up a new generation of church leaders
- Ordination anniversaries noted at pastors' conference.
- Congregational anniversaries.
- NALS June classes and events.
- NALC seeks staff for Texas office.

Read March NALC News



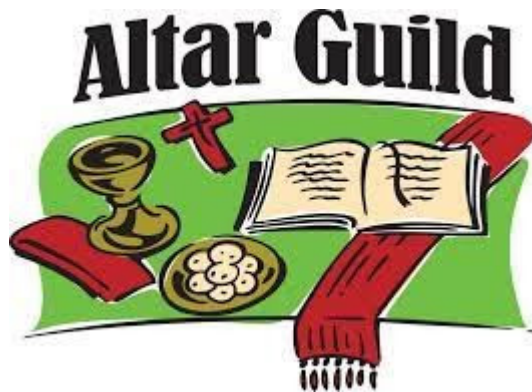
OSLC Medical Response Team

Did you know that OSLC has a Medical Response Team? It's basically a group of active and retired medical personnel that have volunteered to respond to any medical issue/emergency while at church. They will respond, assess the medical situation and be the medical interim until professional Emergency help arrives (if needed). They are responsible for keeping the AED (Automated External

Defibrillator) charged and up-to-date, keeping the First Aid supplies stocked and are ready to assist in any medical emergency due to severe weather such as tornadoes.

We are having an AED/CPR course (that includes what to do in cases of choking, because we do love to eat, right?) for both adults and children. Everyone is invited to attend. After all, emergencies happen at home, too! The class will be held on Thursday, April 21st at 6 p.m. It should last about 45 minutes.

If anyone has a medical background and/or has experience in AED/CPR and would like to be a part of this team, please let Susan Buntz know. 903.805.8719 (susanbuntz@gmail.com) Team members so far include: Beulah Rhodes, Sally Dengerud, Cheryl Pontious, Dr. Hayden Head, Joni LeBlanc and Susan Buntz.



To all Altar Guild Members

Anyone that plans on helping with the Maundy Thursday service stripping of the Altar please plan on staying after service on Sunday April 10th for a short practice. We will assign roles and do a quick run through of our responsibilities. Should not take long at all. Please plan on staying in the sanctuary and we will start immediately after the service. If you have any questions please contact Jana Coke (903-521-6666) or Jan Moch (903-262-7131).



Easter Egg Hunt

To all parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc., Bring your little one(s) to The Great Easter Egg Hunt, April 16th, 2022 10:00 am. There will be age -appropriate hunting grounds for ages pre-school through sixth grade, games, face painting, snacks and more.

This is an annual event when OSLC truly shines. Please volunteer to fill any of the positions noted at the sign-up table and/or grab a bag of plastic Easter eggs for filling. These filled Easter eggs need to be back by Palm Sunday April 10th or soon if possible.



On the Passing of Edward Lattier

Trusting in the promise of our Lord's Resurrection and eternal life with God our Father and the Holy Spirit, we share with you the news of the death of Edward Lattier.

Edward died in the Lord early this morning with his dear wife at his side. A funeral service followed by a luncheon is planned at the church for Saturday, April 9th at 11 am. Please bring a dessert to share.

Please hold Carol and her family in your prayers. May God bless and comfort them as they release their loved one into the loving arms of our Lord.

"I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live." John 11:25



Thursday Morning Bible Study

Thursday Morning Bible Study is canceled for Maundy Thursday, April 14th. Studies will resume on Thursday, April 21.



Our Newest Members

Susan Walker

Susan grew up in Houston, TX. She worked at the Houston VA Hospital. She volunteered with the Red Cross Disaster Relief and enjoyed volunteering with her church. Her hobbies are playing with her two cats, Mittens and Angel, and she currently enjoys gardening.

Jacquelyn Lucas

Jacquelyn was born on a ranch in Stillwater, Ok. She also worked at the VA Hospital in Houston, TX. For years she worked in the fast food industry. She used to paint but now enjoys watching movies and playing with her cats, Mittens and Angel.



Opportunity for NALC to help - Fires in Texas

TX (& Oklahoma Friends) Mission Region Friends -

The town of Carbon, Texas was severely affected by fires March 20 with 151 structures burned. Many more structures in the county were destroyed. Over 60,000 acres were consumed. Another fire that threatened the town of Lipan burned 11,000 acres, but it was stopped just outside of the city limits. All the grass is gone. All the hay supplies were burned up. Many fences were damaged. There will be nothing for the cattle to eat for at least 2 months. The immediate needs are hay, feed and fencing supplies to help with the livestock. NALC Disaster Relief has already committed \$10,000, hopefully making it possible to transport hay into the burn area. Support can be sent to "Peace Lutheran Church", Attn: Fire Relief, P.O. Box 112, Clifton, TX 76634. Peace will be buying supplies locally and delivering.

For more information, contact Ricky Richards (rickyrichards@centurylink.net/214-213-3838). If you have a full load of supplies, you can deliver it directly to the collection site in Gorman, Texas. See the information sheet attached.



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Helping Texas!

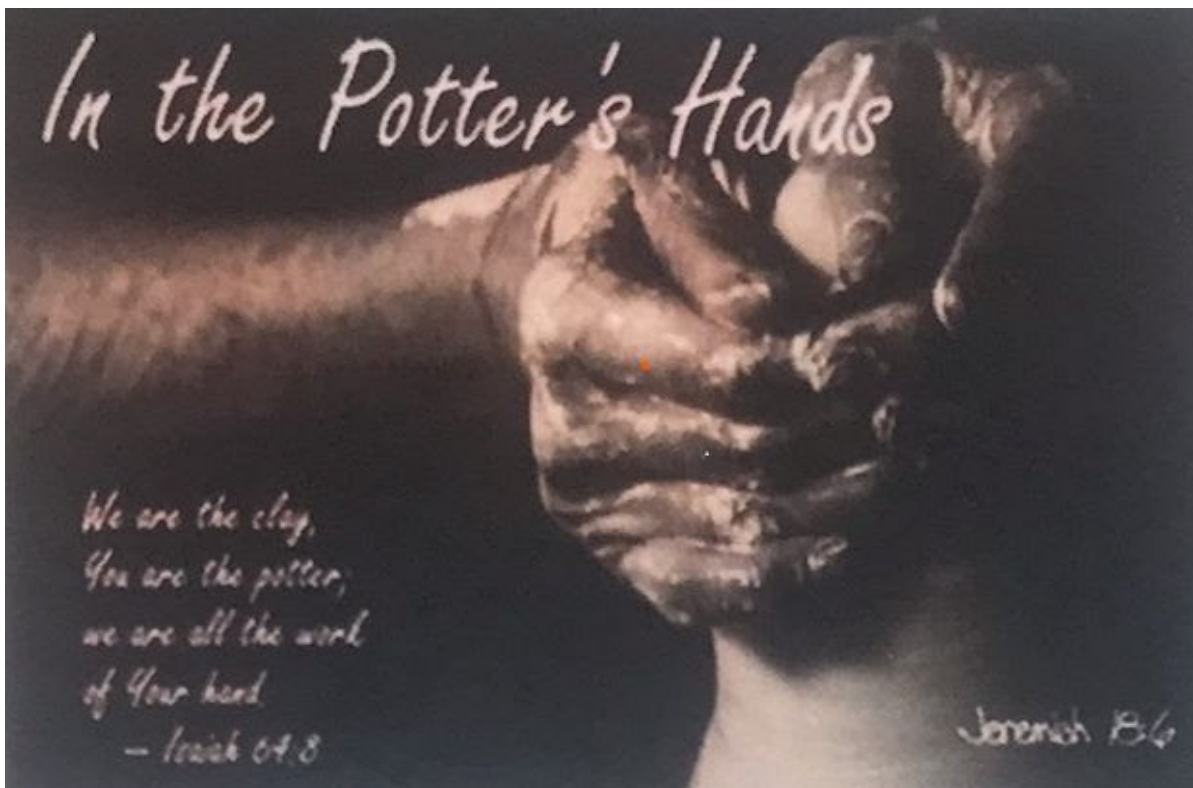
Ken Pontious and John Minster prepare for a road trip to drop off supplies in Clifton, TX. They will be delivering shovels, rakes, hoes, brooms and fence pliers for fire Disaster relief North Central Texas.

Photo Album



Notice of Special Called Congregational Meeting

The April 10th Special Called Congregational Meeting has been postponed. The City of Tyler is revisiting the moving of sewer lines terms and conditions. It is projected the meeting will occur after Easter.



Women of North American Lutheran Church Women's Gathering

Host Church: Peace Lutheran Church, [1026 Radio Lane, Rosenberg, TX](#)

8:30 a.m. Registration/Continental Breakfast - Saturday, April 23rd

A time for fellowship, fun, reflection and celebration!

Music + Devotion + Great Food + Door Prizes

Featuring a demonstration and testimony of faith by Rachel Norris of Joy Pottery



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